

## Letter from Charles Bell, 'respecting museum' 1826

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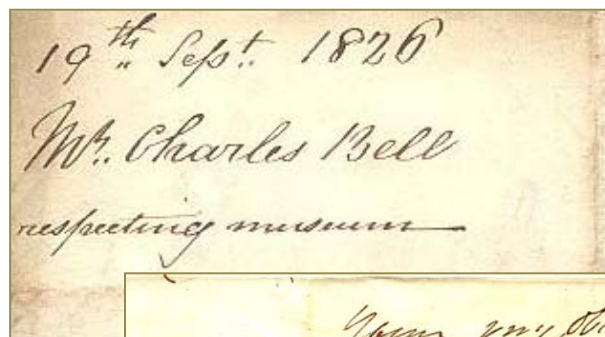
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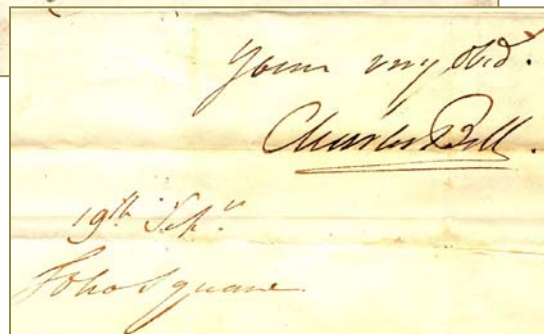
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**Administrative/Biographical History:**

1826 letter from Charles Bell regarding museum probably/possibly to the President of the College at that time – David Maclagan or David Hay



19<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1826  
Mr. Charles Bell  
respecting museum



Yours very obed.  
Charles Bell.  
19<sup>th</sup> Sept.  
Soho Square

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Mr Charles Bell respecting museum

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Dear Sir

I send you enclosed the analysis of the calculi as they stood? in my Collections  
If there be any preparations of morbid parts which have no cases or obstructions attached I think you will cease to be surprized [sic] if you compare the state of my collection with any other.  
Compare it with that of the Hunterian Collection here in the College of Surgeons or compare it with that of the Collection of

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of Dr Wm Hunter in Glasgow and you will acknowledge that you receive it in a very superior condition.

You may remember that I at one time proposed that the College should retain? the price? of the museum and give me 5 % of interest. This was objected to – I am now informed that it is not convenient for the College to pay the last £1000 in full.

While I object to nothing which is for the convenience of the College I mainly ? have to propose that they should

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take the entire thousand pounds as a loan at 5% - I use the word loan because it would be proper that the transaction as far as it regards the purchase of any collection were closed.

I am Dear sir

Your very obedient

19<sup>th</sup> September

Charles Bell

Soho Square

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