

June 25. 1849

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Dr. Howe

Boston June 25. 49

Dear J. C. Mason

Dear Sir

You made
a proposition, last year,
to take the Cabinet of the
Boston Phenological
Society. Some difficulties
which then existed to the
acceptance of your propo-
sition, are now removed;
& I should be pleased to
know whether you are
now disposed to take the
Cabinet upon the terms

then proposed.

very truly yrs

S. G. Howe.

Dr. Howe

June 27. 1849

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Boston June 27. 49

Dear Sir,

The debt of the
Phrenological Society
is only about 125 \$.

The Cabinet was
stowed away in an attic
chamber many years
ago, & is, I presume, in
a tolerably good state
of preservation, though
I have not examined
it. I hardly know
how to find a catalogue.

According to the best
of my recollection, there
are about 25 skulls,
[of which Dr. Spennerheim
is one], and between
three & four hundred
casts.

The cabinet would
be easily sold to some of
the soi disant phrenologists,
who peddle their wares
about the country, for ~~about~~
more than the sum named
above, but the Society
is not disposed to sell it.
Whoever takes it however,
will probably hold possession,
for the Society has been

so long dormant that
it is not likely ever
to revive.

Very truly Yrs
J. G. Howe.

Boston September #3 1849.

It is hereby agreed between S. G. Howe, & Samuel Downer Jr. representing the Boston Phrenological Society, on the first part, & Dr. J. C. Warren on the second part, that the Cabinet & collection of the said Society, shall be given into the possession of said ^{res.} J. C. Warren, in trust, for the said Society, upon the following terms; viz: said ^{res.} J. C. Warren shall pay one hundred & fifty dollars, into the hands of the Treasurer of the Society.

He shall agree to preserve the Cabinet and collection, & let it be accessible at reasonable times to the members of the Society.

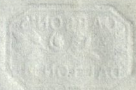
He shall agree to deliver back the Cabinet & Collection, in good condition, to the Society or its Agents, if it should be called for at any time within five years from this date; six months notice being given to him; & the sum of one hundred & fifty dollars repaid to him.

Contract - Dr. Howe
Hulls etc. of
Phrenological Socy

#4
Boston Feb. 4th 1850.

I hereby acknowledge to have received from the Boston Phrenological Soc^y, through the hands of Dr. S. G. Howe, the cranium & brain of the late Dr. Spurzheim and the cranium of the late Dr. Robertson, as a part of the Collection of said Society lately ~~received~~ ^{received} by me; and I agree to return the said Crania of Drs Spurzheim & Robertson and brain of Dr. Spurzheim, but not the rest of the collection, which is subject to different ^{conditions} stipulations, whenever the said crania and brain shall be applied for and reclaimed by the authority of the said Phrenological Society.

The word purchased erased on
the 9th line & "received" substituted



Dr. Sprockhoff
Barrington
25 West 4th 1890
Barrington Society
Receipt

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Dr. Holmes

Feb^y 28. 1850.



Montgomery Place
Feb. 28th

My dear Sir,

Tomorrow, ^{Friday} at my usual
hour (1 o'clock) I shall give
a lecture to the Class upon
the subject of Phrenology.
I mention it in compliance
with a suggestion of your
own, but by no means to
do more than answer you that
I shall be happy to see you
if convenient, and ask no lesson

for your absence if otherwise.

I can truly say that the limited time and attention the young do apt to attend the close of Lectures has allowed me, under the very difficult in approaching the subject at all — and especially so in the presence of one who, however eminent in his judgment, could hardly avoid seeing the imperfection which must attend my brief glance at the subject.

I am, My dear Sir

Yours very respectfully
J. W. Holmes