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Dear Sir:-

Our mutual friend Dr. Banks, author of "Bismya or the Lost City of Adal", when in Bagdad, urged me to let you see a clay cylinder of some hundred lines, relating to "Nabonidus", and which have been excavated at Mugheir. I have also in my possession other inscribed objects which have come from Tel - Khaled, Tel-Nekhle (both new sites to archaeology as far as I can know), Sunkereh, Bismya, Mugheir (objects from these places are exceedingly rare as ^{are} you/doubtless aware), and I would take the liberty to inquire if I could in any way serve you in the matter of my present collection.

As my brother at Bagdad is the best position to send rare pieces of interest, I have the idea of trying to secure the aid of a student of Assyriology who would be able to decipher the inscriptions with the view of making arrangements for their publication from time to time and in some form or other. If not asking too much could you please, in the cause of science, give some suggestions upon this score.

Awaiting with interest your valued reply,

Yours truly

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