

## Stokes, Jonathan an Werner, Abraham Gottlob

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[1] Dear Sir

On taking up the pen to give my friend M<sup>r</sup>. Lister some Letters of introduction to some of my German friends, your name claims the preference, & it is with the sincerest pleasure that I find that my hand dug a kind of instinct pays an almost involuntary tribute of gratitude for the pleasing hours w<sup>ch</sup>. I passed in your society at Freyberg. At length you see I am arrived safe in my native land. Bound as I am to it not only by the ties of friendship & the attachments of kindred, but by a profession which binds those who follow it to one single spot of life, you are not expect to see me again at Freyberg how willing so ever I should be to return to you. Accept however my friend Mr. Lister as my proxy, & I flatter myself you will find him possessed of a heart not incapable of friendship joined [2] to a mind highly cultivated & well informed. \_ He will be happy to receive any information you may be pleased to give him respecting the object of your profession, & it is not easy for us to repay you in kind, I flatter myself you will receive a mutual pleasure from his conversation, as mineralogy is not the only Science which you cultivate.

M<sup>r</sup>. Lister however will probably have passed through the Hartz before he reaches Freyberg & will have it in his power to give you the last news of the enquiries of the Baron Trebra whom I found collecting materials for publication on the structure of the Hartz Mines. The Wakka is undoubtedly a secondary matter, being not only truly stratified but containing at the depth of 100 fathoms impressions of vegetable substances. I am earnest to obtain a specimen of the Limestone of the Carpathian Mountains which the Baron Sickengen shewed me from Delius to contain no organic bodies. I wish M<sup>r</sup>. Lister to make an excursion into that country, but if his time should not permit him I shall be greatly [3] obliged to you for a specimen if you should have it in your power to procure such by means of any correspondents which you may have in this country.

Did you ever find a rounded Pebble, in other words a fragment of stone rounded by water in any solid Limestone (Caln)? If this observation should be general can we believe the Common Limestones to have been deposited from the sea at least from a sea similar to that w<sup>ch</sup>. covers a part of our globe?

I shall [be] happy to receive your catalogue of Termin[i] Mineralogici with your German synonyms written in Italic letters, & you shall receive an English Nomenclature in return when I can find leisure to make it out.

This letter I have written in English as I know you read our language, but if it would be more agreeable to you I will give you ever after as much bad French as you please. Do not write to [4] to me in German in revenge, for though I propose to carry down with me into the country a German Dictionary & Grammar I shall not be master of your very difficult language so soon as I would wish to hear from you. Believe me to be much esteem

Your sincere friend & obliged humble  
servant

Jonathan Stokes.

London May 23.1783.

PS. My address is Doctor Stokes  
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### Bemerkungen