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My dear Sir

You would be quite justified in holding me guilty of inexcusable neglect in not sooner replying to your very acceptable letter of May last, and in so long delaying to execute your commission under respect to the sale of *Psephenus da Guola*, but this loss of time is not wholly owing to inattention on my part. There are but two or three *Dantophilus* in Surin, so far as I know. One of these only knows that *P. Perron's* <sup>intended</sup> edition was never published and that *Lamurici* is dead. The other I have not been able to see, in consequence of his and my own occasional absence from town. I had expected to go to Milan in the spring, but an indisposition on my part of the kind prevented the intended journey. I now design visiting both