country. If you think it worth while to submit these views to the family I have no objection & it would give me pleasure (independently of the great scientific interest attached to this noble specimen) to be instrumental in honoring the memory of one [illegible] I have so much cause to remember with gratitude. I should be unwilling that the specimen of iron should be removed from New York without the free consent of all concerned & I suppose I may presume upon that step if I do not hear to the contrary by Saturday the 8th Instant when I expect to be in New York & shall hope if agreeable to receive a line from you, directed the office of B. D. Silliman No 27 Broad Way. I fear, that in a very short stay I may not find it easy to pay my respects to you at your house, but will strive to do so, if it necessary in order to arrange this business but if I do not hear to the contrary shall presume that I may remove the iron. We shall [illegible] very glad to possess the copy of Col Gibbs portrait whenever you will forward it &