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*Letterhead: Peabody Museum of American Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University,
handwritten by Frederick Ward Putnam, anthropologist at Harvard, director of the Museum, permanent secretary of the AAAS, to A. A. Michelson.*

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Dear Prof Michelson

The enclosed copy was received from Mr Dana Dec 3, too late for me to put it in the vol of AAAS Proc'ds. much to my regret. The papers in Section B. were all in type in September and the signature prints in November, as soon as I recovered from my illness sufficiently to look them over. As no copy had been rec'd from you up to that time your paper is given by title only. You know under the rules only papers received by the sec'y of the section before the ??? of the meeting are to be given in the vol. - Still had I scanned your paper up to the time of printing the part relating to sec. B. I should have put it in its place, as it was marked on the title blank that paper was to be sent in. I wrote to you last of Aug. to send it direct to the Printing Office during my absence. I am sorry it came too late as it was one of the most important papers at the meeting and should have a place in the volume. Please give us one for the Cleveland vol. and let the Assoc. get the credit for the good work of its members.

I have sent your letter about the money grant to the Committee asking for directions as to the conditions. Under the vote?? I have no authority to send you the money for the experiments unless you agree to the conditions inferred??, as much as I should like to send it. Would it not be well to give the standard?? the name asked for and trust to the Assoc. giving you further aid if the experiments are to be continued. But of this of course you and Prof. Morley are the best judges. I will write you on receipt of answer from Committee.

I have been very ill since I was in your city and am just now able to do a little work & other things.

Very truly yours

F. W. Putnam