[1817, Oct. 10]

Fauquier Oct 10th 17 17

My dear sir,

A few days since hoeing by Elk Run Church, a gentleman presented me with a very large tooth, several having been found together about four feet below the surface of the Earth.

You will at once see how widely it differs from the tooth of the mammoth, by the impressions which it makes on the inclosed papers.

the post Master thinks it cannot be sent by the mail, or I would inclose it to you. If the mail can bring it with propriety, let me know, & I will send it to you. be pleased to favour me with your Opinion about it. If I well recollect the size and shape of the Elephants tooth, tis much like.

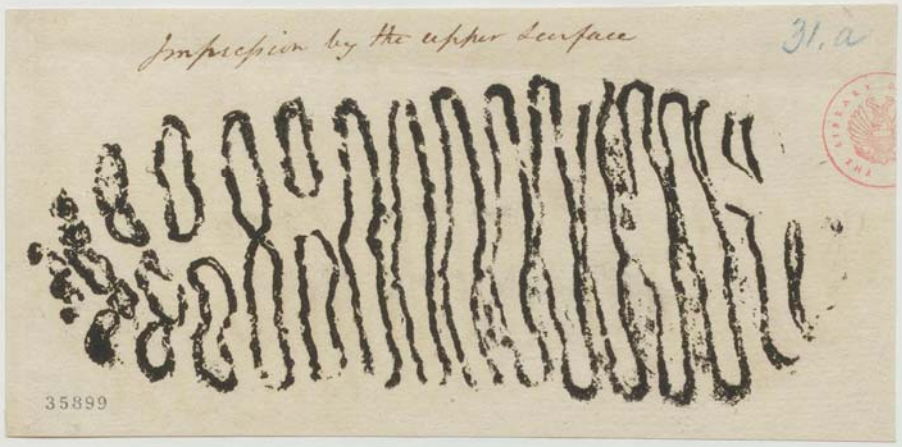
God bless you, and yours Mr Jefferson.

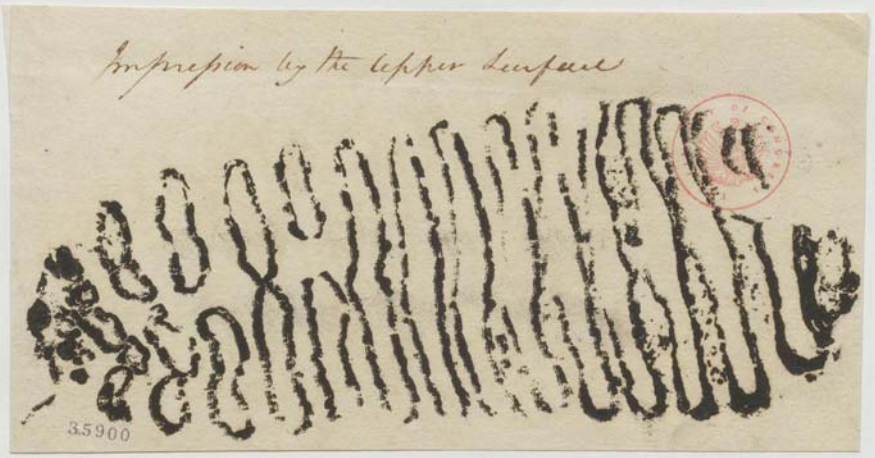
James W. Wallace

37664

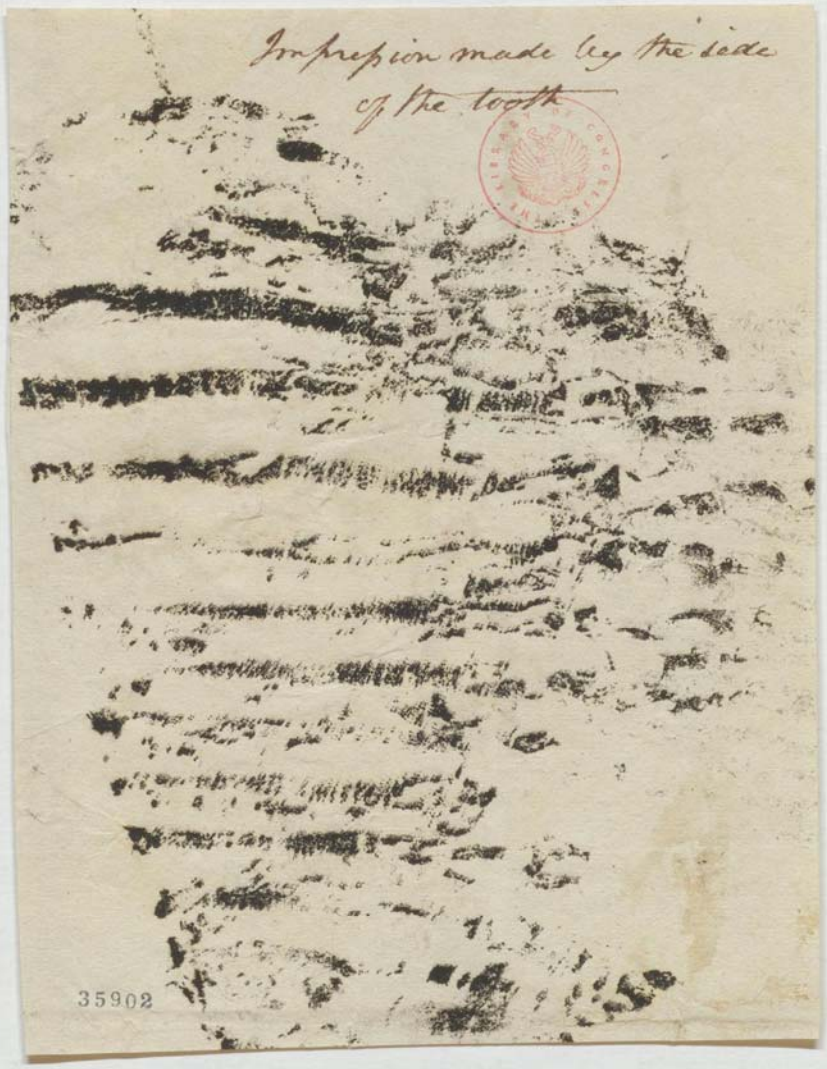
Wallace James W. Fauquier Oct. 10. 17

rec^d Oct. 18.





Original manuscript in the Thomas Jefferson Papers, Library of Congress



Original manuscript in the Thomas Jefferson Papers, Library of Congress