James W. Wallace to Thomas Jefferson, 10 Oct. 1817, with Enclosed Impressions of a Mammoth Tooth

[Handwritten letter]

My dear Sir,

A few days since hoping by Seth Bean 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 engraving on the enclosed paper. The post Master thinks it cannot be sent by the mail, so I would enclose it to you. If the mail can bring it with inclosure, let me know, and I will send it to you. Be pleased to favour me with your opinion about it. I often recollect the size and shape of the elephant's tooth, so much like.

God bless you and yours, Mr. Jefferson.

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