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Dear friend:

This is to let you know that I received the fine copy of "Two Islands, and your letter.

If you still have my letter I sent with the postal notes, you will see it wasn't necessary to send the check, since I am having my dealer "want list" the items in the Current "Want List" magazine. That means it will be two weeks or longer before any answers start coming in, and of course, you are never sure of the answers or what they will quote the books for.

The \$10 Armstrongs was the price one sold at auction; the other prices quoted were the prices the other items sold at auction.

However, I will keep your check in the file, pending replies to the want list. I hope I can pick you up a copy.

I did not intend to "bargain" you down on the price of Two Islands. We will still go by the quotes we receive, hence if quotes come in putting it at \$12.50 or \$17.50, that is what I will pay you for it. And, I will let you know about the quotes on the DeSmet. I think the quotes for that will be in the neighborhood of \$27 and that is satisfactory.

As to the other book you ask about, it sounds very much like one I have. It is Swan's Northwest Coast and it is quite a rate book, around the \$15 or \$25 class I would estimate. I will check my copy through when I locate it. I am sure it has a jargon dictionary in the back and that he was in the oyster shipping business. I will keep my eye open for a cheap copy. I have found that if you wait long enough, you usually locate a dealer who has one of the items you want that he has had for some time and eventually sells, reasonably.

I am glad to hear that you are improving satisfactorily. It has been a long , wea isome time, I know.

I have yet to get to my project of printing up forms for place names, which, when I do, I shall send some to you, trusting you and your friends may see fit to help out with the project of itemizing places with which you are familiar.

Also, you may be interested to know that I am head of the research committee for Fort Simcoe at Mool Mool Restoration Society. It has been approved by the Parks Commission and the Tribal Council and in due time, way is cleared for embarking upon a 10-year restoration project. If you know of anyone who has knowledge of old Fort Simcoe, I would appreciate receiving what information I could from them, for our files, also, copies of old pictures of Fort Simcoe, a bibliography for a card index of articles, stories, etc. dealing with Fort Simcoe and a card index listing relics of old Fort Simcoe and where their repository is at the present time.

I am also on the board of the Yakima Pioneer Museum, Inc., which is now materializing, with usual troubles. We have a large museum in the basement of the city hall and , if legal technicalities can be worked out, an old-timer has come to us with an offer of donation of \$120,000 for a separate building. While he wants to do this, the trust company at the bank where his Qd fund of \$180,000 (he has other funds) is located, dosen't want to turn lose of the money, so we are letting them settle their differences. So, you see, I keep busy and have use for my various materials I gather, besides my writing.

Please keep the Fort Sincoe research in mind and pass the word on to anyone you think would be interested in communicating with me.

You will hear from me before long when I learn about the want list results.

Sincerely

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