City of Pencra
October 31st 1747

Dear Father,

This box contains a variety of little oddities that I have collected here and there, which are of trifling value when considered by themselves, but when connected with the spots where so many gallant deeds have been done and so many noble fellows follow they become of great interest, and may be looked upon in after years as curious. The Arte specimens will certainly please you, if you have not lost that intense desire that you used of hunting up every thing antique. All the specimens that I send you are perfectly genuine; this and may rely upon the two from General Generals cabinet des Iraqui, none ones made cannot be, but original, these from thence I picked up myself among the Pyramids itself. I am particular in accounting for them as they are so easily imitated that you can find them any where in the streets selling for a mere trifle, so that it is worth the while to know that they are original. The Escopets which is intended for you are picked up from the Bottles used by the Afghans; I did not capture it but as a memento.
From that hard fought battlefield you may, 
piece, it never gives you an idea of the 
smoothness that the Mexicans use, one of the 
tremendous ball that they carry a large portion 
of their troops are armed with this clap, which 
you readily see are of very inferior order. 
I was obliged to saw off the end of it in 
order to pack it in this box, but you can 
only conceive that — The specimen from 
the Halls is hardly worth noticing, excepting 
the fact, that it actually came from these 
former halls that are being done up. 
T — The teas of ligors are intended as a 
specimen of the hard grown in the county 
and may suit your taste. They are amused 
and pleasant and are generally liked by those 
that are fond of mild ligors. 

The two lower figures are intended as a present 
to the girl. They are admirably executed and 
will give with a slight description a better 
idea of the working of some of this country. 
Then by things else that I could possibly send 
and expect more than I could on a dozen 
water color sheets, I have marked. The "aguadora" (which I have 
marked) is a perfect specimen of that species 
this deep with the exception of the northern figure 
is precisely similar to all the lower clays 

of medicine, the side open roset with large 
drawers is the deep of all the lower clays.
but as a representation of Winter coming it is perfect, it may perhaps strike me as singular that there is a life of man that live by corssed' who but since it is the case there being but few Calbat fountains and no Wells at all some families would be entirely destitute of that necessary element, and they are supplied in this nauseous load like the one that he is carrying about (four gallons cost them three cents).

The 'Cartonari' tree is a fine specimen of the Indian of this country and particular of this valley. The load that he is carrying with him from one hundred to three hundred pounds, and this he brings from some three to four leagues distance.

This tree is exact like that of all the Indians of this Valley, his candles are six to nine hours, and his leathern breeches as a fine couple of all other Indians. But you must judge for yourselves how to judge, much more than I can express. They both are regret that you cannot avoid seeing ever born in the day, and you can only come to see the trees, in order to appreciate the undeniability of their. The Shell Gun is for the shed I have written in a short note that I wish forwarded. I send these things to Uncle Charles, if a long time of mine that has been so unfortunate as to be wounded, he intends to collin on some of our friends in New York and will doubtless tell you all about it. My love to all the family. From yours

J. C. Twiss