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CUMING PLACE  
OXFORD

Aug: 10<sup>th</sup> 1904.

Dear Sir.

I take the liberty  
of writing to you as  
representing Egyptian  
archaeology in Germany,  
for the following reason.

When in London this  
summer I heard from  
a friend that accusations  
had been made against  
me by the gentleman,  
a German I believe, who  
was working this spring  
at Abu Saïr.

The substance of which  
was, that I had  
encouraged my men &  
had sent them to Hlathun  
on purpose to buy antiquities  
from the men belonging  
to the German archaeologist,  
I don't know his name.

This of course was not  
the case, what did  
happen & what might  
<sup>have</sup> possibly have given rise  
to such an accusation

is brief this. In  
all parts of Egypt as  
far as I am aware,  
there are a certain number  
of local dealers living  
near every site, who buy  
whenever they get a chance  
from anyone, especially  
"sabbak" diggers, these dealers  
hawk their goods about  
the country & sell them, I  
bought, like most other  
people, a few odds and  
ends from these dealers,  
such as charms, beads etc,  
mostly of the commonest  
description, not only when  
I was at Ghazab but  
also at Akhnasiâ.

Whether some of the antiquities  
came from Abu Sir, I think  
is rather hard to tell, as the  
dealers are not given to  
disclosing where they get their  
antiquities. If I had  
unwittingly bought any things  
which came from the works  
of another archaeologist, I  
am very sorry, & should only  
be too glad to restore them,  
would you kindly lay the matter  
before the Abu Sir archaeologist,  
or if you would prefer I would  
kindly give me his address, I  
will write to him myself, & find  
out from him what he considers  
he has lost. With many apologies  
for troubling you, but thought it  
would be as well to have an  
explanation so as to allay any  
ill feelings there might be. I remain  
yours truly  
L. Loat.