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Esther and myself visited Merrill. We showed him Koeltz's letter in which Koeltz speaks in such ^{an} uncomplimentary manner about Merrill. Merrill became red in his face, truly he was shocked beyond words. Merrill said there is only one thing to do and that is to wash your hands from such a man Merrill then told us that Bartlett had just written to him telling him that Koeltz had written that the Institute was Political. "Such an outrageous Slanderer this Koeltz!! Such an infamous Lier!" Merrill said He would send his correspondence including the above letter to Bartlett and ask Bartlett not to be influenced by Koeltz but keep an open mind. Merrill will also write to H. H. Barbour Head of ^{the Museum of} Comparative Zoology Harvard about this case. No doubt Koeltz is writing to other places. We will also advise the State Department. Forewarned is forearmed. Certainly such an Elemental cannot remain with the R Museum and we will possibly if necessary give him a few Months Salary. Merrill said he has never heard of such an unjust and outrageous case and the actions of Koeltz are criminal.