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Mr. Poulson,

On the 7th instant having awoke about half past four o'clock in the morning, I was much surprised with an uncommon noise, like that of a heavy stage coach, going with great velocity over a stone pavement. The sound seemed to precede from north-west to south-east. The impression made on my mind was of an awful kind. I thought it must be an earthquake, and waited for a few minutes expecting the shock, but I felt none. In the morning I mentioned what had passed, but none of my family were awake at the time. In the afternoon I noticed that an earthquake had been felt in the city that morning, which confirmed my suspicions at the time I heard the noise.

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