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EARTHQUAKE

Mr. Poulson,

The shock of an earthquake which you mention in your paper of this morning, as being felt at Alexandria last Monday morning, were likewise felt in this city - particularly the one stated to have taken place about 8 o'clock. Being in bed awake, the street perfectly quiet, I perceived the curtains of the bed and windows shake, struck with this singular circumstance I awoke my wife, who likewise perceived it, and in a few moments after we both very sensibly felt the undulation. I purposely looked at my watch to mark the time, and found it 10 minutes past 8 o'clock. Two ladies who slept in a room above mine, made the same observation, the leaves of some flower-pots which were in their room, were so much in motion, that one of the ladies thought that it arose from the draft from an open window. I did mention the circumstance to several of my acquaintance at the time, but have met with no confirmation till I saw the account from Alexandria in your paper.

Yours,
Saturday, December 21

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