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## REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

I have begun a systematic study of the British sponge fauna. In order to form a better understanding of the species and to help untangle some of the taxonomic muddles, it is necessary to examine the early published material. Though much of it exists in the collections of the B. M. (N. H.) much of it is still missing. It would be good to know how much has survived elsewhere. I would therefore appreciate hearing from anyone who has information on the sponges from historical collections such as the following:-

19th century collections of interest would include:-

Sowerby, J.	1804-6	(G. B.)
Montagu, G.	1818	"
Grant, R. E.	1820's	"
Templeton, J & R	1836	(Ireland)
Bellamy, J. C.	1839	(Devon)
Couch, R. Q.	1842	(Cornwall)
Parfitt, E.	1868	(Devon)

18th century collections, equally as interesting but less likely to have survived, would include:-

Ray	1724
Seba	1734-1765
Pallas	1766
Ellis & Solander	1786

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