Arcadia Fla
May 21, 1887
Smithsonian Institute,
W. D. C.

Dear Sir,

As you buy Florida Curiositites such as large bones of ancient animals &c, I have the head of a very large Florida Crocodile about 20 ft. long with the teeth all in it, and I could furnish a fine quantity of very fine shells and a lot of curious teeth and different kinds.
of curiosities. I have a tooth that will weigh 10 lbs and the bones of the same animal, if you buy such thing let me know what you will give for them.

James H. Batez
Arcadia
Florida
U.S. National Museum.

RETURN TO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR.

In care, U.S. Nat. Mus.

Letter of James M. Bates

dated May 29, 1887

offering referring to sell head of crocodile.

Teeth, bones etc.

Respectfully referred to

Prof. O.C. Marsh

with the request that he will endorse desirable action and return papers.

Attended to...