Jan 7th 1877

Prof. O. C. Marsh.

My dear Sir,

Your letter came duly to hand on the 1st day of this year. I have had no letter from you for one year. I sent you some skeletons one year ago this winter, and I have never heard whether they came to you safely or not. I wrote a letter from Mr. Bushnell about three weeks ago. He said he had sent me a box containing three Chimpanzee skeletons, and an imperfect skeleton of a young Gibbon. He said he had several Hoppe's Flamingo skulls, but they were 200 miles away, and he was entirely out of money and could not get them in time to send in the vessel. He thought he could get them down by February, when there would be another vessel to New York. The said two of the skulls were of the
small species of Tupajia tamaus. He wanted me to send him some more money as he was very poor and had spent nearly all that I had sent him in obtaining specimens.

The boats arrived safely, three of the skeletons in it were what you could call perfect ones, although they are very good ones. One Chimpanzee has had the back part of his skull shot away. The young Gorilla skeleton is worthless for any use I might make of it. The skull that came with it belonged to an adult, the skeleton might be of some use to you. I would like to keep the skull. I think you have one or two almost exactly like it. I will send you two of the Chimpanzee skeletons and the Gorilla. I put them into some tubs to preserve but they seem to have frozen almost solid. I will have them taken out scrubbed up and sent to you in a few days.

If you will recall my letter of last January when I sent you the female human skeleton with cervical
its attached to 7th Cervical vertebra. You
did find that I needed a statement that
the cost of these platforms, and silver plated
supports it was $20.00 and the human statue
I sent you was $40.00 making $60.00 due
even from you. Now if you will add $40.00
more to it, and buy a Draft payable to order
of Rev. Albert Bushnell and send it to me.
I will send it to him, and we will
get some more Gorilla statues. And I
will give you half of all that comes.
You have had more than half of what
has come henceforth, I ought to have
sent him the money last month, but
it has been hard times with me. If
you agree to this, please send the draft
as soon as you can conveniently do it,
and I will send it at once.

Yours truly

H. W. Boyd.
Jan 19th, 1877

Prof. O. B. Marsh.

My dear Sir,

Yours containing draft for $100 a few days yesterday, for which accept my thanks. I have seen my few skeletons to space. I have a fine Beaver, Buffalo, Boy, Elk, and one Alaskan specimen that I cannot space. There is so many here who have a splendid stock of the Baby mammoths, he wants $15.35 for it, all the tools in it are perfect and it is unusually large and fine. Send me list of the skeletons you have to mount. I have a man employed who can mount them nicely. He has every thing fixed up in nice shape, and could begin any work at once, and he will do them as well and cheaper than you could get them done any where else. Send me the list, and I will make you an offer.

Yours truly, H. W. Boyd.
Chicago Jan 27th 1877.

Prof O.C. Marsh

"My dear Sir,

After talking with several of Mr. Bushnell's friends, one of whom has been in Western Africa, about sending him the draft in New York, we all decided that it might be a little troublesome for him to sell a New York draft out there and that we had better get it changed into a Sterling draft. So I took the liberty of putting his name on the back of it and getting it changed into a draft on London for £17 6s - which was exactly the amount of the draft. I sent it to him via Mr. Fox. I send you the £2 6s of the draft, which you can return to me, or put it away where it will not be lost. I have never sent him a bill. Although one draft for $50 never did missery, and I have never heard from it, it was never paid, and I can't imagine what ever became of it.

I'm looking over my students - I said I can spare you a fine Chimpanzee, an Emu, and a magnificent Cassowary. Two Scotts, Fox &

Whistling Swan. - - Bear, Deer, Pronghorn, Bull frog, Green frog, Mole. - They are all nicely mounted on silver platforms. And I have bought that skul of the Baboon - You may have this whole lot including the skull at $25.00 which is cheap. And if there are any among them that are not satisfactory to
you. you can return them. The Chimpanzee is a very large male. And if you had it, he could get $30 or $50 for it.

I have any number of human skeletons, and keep a room at work mounting them all the time. He can mount animal skeletons just as elegantly as it can be done anywhere.

The Eocene, and Cretaceous, are both fine skeletons. The Cretaceous, the largest I ever saw. I bought it mounted from Ferrand in London, and paid him $40 for it.

Please send me a list of the animals you have to mount, and I will let you know how much it will cost you.

Hoping to hear from you soon,

[Signature]

W. R.
Bank of Montreal

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The Bank of Montreal,

Richmond

Manager

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Prof. C.C. Marsh

My dear Sir,

I hope you will not think I have forgotten you, if I have been or negligent for the last few months. I have had an unusual press of business and have almost entirely neglected the correspondence of my friends. — I have neglected to send your share of that last shipment from Africa. I will send it by American Express early next week. — I have just received a letter from Mr. Bushnell, which I enclose for you to read, please send it back to me when you get through with it. The draft he acknowledges is the one we sent in January.

Yours truly,

H.W. Boyd
Sept. 16th, 1876

Prof. O.C. Marsh,

My dear Sir,

I owe you an apology for not replying to your telegram of three weeks ago. But the truth is, I could not give you an immediate reply, from the fact that I had proposed to the Paris Commissioners to sell them the whale skeleton, and they would not give me an answer until they had a meeting, and as I have no place to put the whale skeleton I am immediately disposed of it, I would have an elephant. I have no positive assurance but I am quite firmly convinced that I can sell the whale. I have a collection of mammal skeletons on exhibition in the Exposition, it consists mainly of small skeletons, all mammal on fine walnut platforms. I put at an hotel for the purpose of selling it. I asked 2000 for it. I have had two offers for it, one from Notre Dame University, the other from State Normal College of Illinois. I send you a list of
what I have — and if you want the collection again, you can have it for the whole, and
$600 in cash — or half cash and half in
6 months at 10 per cent. — When I sold you
the whole I thought it was worth five or six
hundred dollars, but I could not sell it for so
much now — I think I can get $800 or $850 for
it. although the same Commissioners offered me $500 for
it at the time I sold it to you. — I have
promised to give the Notre Dame people a reply on
Wednesday. and if you do not want to make
a trade with me. — I have decided to accept their
offer. — please let me know by Wednesday morning.

Now pete has not returned your 2
Chimpanzees, and young Gorilla yet, he is now
employed by the Excursion Co. and will remain in
their employ until Oct 13, when he may be
accountable for you. — Only Cofe was here a
short time ago, and brought that fossil reptile
that I have been watching so long for you. I
have been to see the Warehouse men every few
weeks since you were here, and left a standing
offer of $150, for it, but Cofe got it. I do
not know how much he paid for it.

No news to hear from you soon. I am

Yours truly
H. W. Boys
List of Skeletons all mounted in Exposition Building:

1. Human Skeleton
2. Gorilla
3. Chimpanzee
4. Black Frizziyana
5. Common "
6. Red "
7. "
8. Porter (Proteus Eximiasa)
9. Serval
10. Donatia Cut
11. Black Wolf
12. "
13. Creta Marsili
14. Fisher's Skua
15. "
16. Common Mink
17. "
18. White Mammal
19. American Otter
20. Racoon
21. Englishman
22. Laptrapara a. Bradirone
23. Argente
24. "
25. Muskat Rat
26. American Beaver
27. "
28. American Porcupine
29. "
30. Prehat Fisher (Gid Bunsen)
31. Chipmunk
32. Prairie Dog
33. "
34. Gray Rabbit
35. Mexican Beaver
36. My Opossum
37. American Buffalo, Est
38. Domestic Sheep
39. Ostrich
40. Griffin Vulture
41. Gray Parrot
42. Red and Blue Macaw
43. "
44. Golden Eagle
45. "
46. Throsting Swam
47. Black Swam
48. "

49. Library Open All
50. Alligator "
51. Crocodile "
52. Mud Python
53. Bullopy
54. "
55. "
56. Gorilla Skull, Large Old Male
57. Baboon Skull
58. "
59. Sun Bear
60. Grizzly, Big Brown Elephant, Large
61. Elk Skull
62. Horse Skeleton

All contained in cases 60 ft. long, 7 ft. high. They make a nice show.
Nov 24th 1872

My dear Sir,

Last night I sent you a dispatch making you an offer of $250.00 for your whale skeleton. I could give you $100.00 and $125.00 in cash and pay you the balance in skeletons, bones, &c., I can get $350.00 for it, and want one year for my susp. and pay the freight on it to Chicago. Please let me have your answer as possible.

Yrs truly,

[Signature]
Office of
H. W. BOYD, M. D.
1391 Indiana Avenue

CHICAGO

Oct 14th 1877

Prof. O. C. Marsh.

My dear Sir,

A prolonged professional
engagement a short distance out of town has
prevented me from replying to your telegram.
I will take the whole skeleton and just
as soon as the arrangements for its
transmission can be made, I will write to
you again. I have just received a letter
from Mr. Buskell. He expects to send a
large lot on the first vessel, it all
will be there some time in December, so that we
must not expect anything before February
or March. He says he has sent two men
to the Gamma country to get Gorilla &
Chimpanzee Skeletons. They had not returned,
but he was expecting them daily. I have
not yet got your Skeletons mounted yet.
Mr. Patch, who has done my work for me is
an irresponsible - drunken sort of a fellow.
but when he do rise enough. he is a splendid worthless. he has had troubles with his family this fall. and his wife got a divorce from him. and he has not been often enough to do any work since. I guess I shall have to mount them myself. I will send you a list of skeletons in a few days from which you may select what you wish. I have just received from South Africa a box containing skeletons. I say, I have not yet. I have not yet yet. although there had my hands on it, it is in the Custom House in Chicago. I will probably get it out to day or tomorrow. It is said to contain an enormous white skeleton. the party who sent the box says, "between a 10 foot and 14 foot.", I also have one or two nice specimens. I would dispose of if you wish them. Please let me know how much figure you paid on that. What skeletons? Yours truly

W. W. Berg
Chicago, Nov 24th 1872.

Prof. O. C. Marsh
My dear Sir,

About two weeks ago, Mr. B. W. Raymond, Secretary of the Stephenson Co., wrote a letter to Mr. Gray, and asked me to get a large Whale Skeleton, and mount it in the Stephenson Building, as a permanent attraction, and as the Stephenson Co. had never asked permission from the railroad, it thought they could place a car for the transportation of that Skeleton from New Haven to Chicago. Mr. Gray said if it was going east he could do it, but he had nothing to do with arranging for freight coming from the East. He therefore refused the letter to Mr. Readway, Agent N.Y. & N.H. RR. at New Haven. Mr. Readway then wrote another letter to the gentlemen, informing them the Skeleton had been fairly paid for; if you about two years ago, and the arrangement here was, that it should go to you for half price, or about $30. But on account of some misunderstanding, you had to pay full price $53. On it. He also enclosed the letter he had written to Mr. Gray, so that the agent at New Haven could fully understand the situation. The final letter read from New Haven, contains your appointment.
yet we have had no reply.

Will you do me the kindness to see Mr. Rockway and find out if he will take Mr. Reynolds' letters, and what reply he has to make. The Express is certainly a great benefit to all the R.R. roads coming into Chicago; it delivers large quantities of freight, and thousands of passengers during this express season. And this fact alone should induce them to bring it in, and when the consider the fact that full rate has already once been paid upon it, and even that under a promise to carry it at half rate, they ought by all means to bring it in. If they will not do this make the best terms you can, and send it along, and as soon as shipped send me the bill of shipment, and I will send draft for the cash that is to be paid.

Yours Truly

[Signature]

W. B.
Chicago Dec 11, 1872

Prof. O. C. Marsh

My dear Sir,

I sent you a telegram on Sunday night to send the Whale skeleton by weight. I believe it weighs about 200 pounds, which would make the freight only $48.60; just as soon as I get your freight bill, I can draw the amount of cash to send you, and will do so at once. I have some fine specimens of which you can select for the balance.

I have a Giraffe skeleton between 9 and 10 feet high. A skeleton of a Female Gorilla, or a large Chimpanzee (I do not know which) it was sent for a “small Gorilla” but my impression is it is a Chimpanzee. But a good one, it is not quite perfect, but as near so, as they ever come, and of course all the imperfections would be restored. I have a splendid old Male Gorilla skull, and a fine Baboon skull. — The first two specimens
Please let me hear from you at once = I suppose the freight rate you telegraphed to me was the result arrived at from the correspondence between the Keynotes and the R. A. freight agent it don't look much like a comparison of rates but it is all right.

Nothing to hear from you except

Dear Yours truly

F. A. R. Boys
Chicago Dec. 27, 1872

My dear Sir,

I would have written to you two or three days ago, but I have been waiting to get the cash promised to you. The Secretary told me some time ago, that I could get the amount promised you at any time, if I could only show a shipping bill. I have not said anything about it since until I read your letter enclosing the bill. I immediately called on him for it and he said that every cent of that money has just been locked up by the closing of the 3d National Bank, and that they had no money to pay their employees, but that they would arrange to have money immediately, and in a few days I could get it. I have waited until to day, when I thought I ought to write to you and explain the situation. To day he said that next week the 2d National would declare a dividend of 10 per cent, and they were going to
wait until them instead of borrowing
money. Let anything it will only be a few
days longer to wait, and I will send it
to you, unless you prefer to take the whole
of it in installments. I enclose you a list
of the best and rarest I have. Of course
I have a great many of the more common
animals, but it is quite sure that will be as
satisfactory or sending you a full list of
every thing I have. If you want I think you will be most pleased with.
The ostrich on the list is the finest
one in the country, it cost $375. It was
sent direct to me from Cape
Town S. Africa by Mr. Edward Bostom — an editor
living there. He says it is the largest one that
could be found. I am sending it mounted now
so that I can send it at one if you should order
it. It is perfect in every detail. It will look like
that large peacock bird in the American Museum
of Natural History in New York. The giraffe is
a very nice one, of course not full grown. It is
sacredly kept, but could be taken out and returned
now. The buffalo is a large old buck, and
it will be some little time before I can remove
it. It was put into a crevice the trees fire.
The Chimpango is all men. And I
could send them both to you at once. I
know that you can buy Whatshellons at
$150, but none such as this one. By mail.
I had one last fall that he asked $110.75 for.
I think it was not so good as this one is.
Please let me send you the Chimpango.
O'Neil, Collard, Breany & Babynissa skull.
Add delicately mounted and call to whole
of bull Matter's bread, I can send all quidam
Whatshell. I will only put in thums & put strong
on cat-gut.

Yours truly
H. W. Boy.
Chimpanzee - large male. $125.00
Chimpanzee " " 75.00
Giraffe nearly 10 ft high. 75.00
Buffalo old Bull. $75.00
Ostrich very fine 100.00
Porpoise 9 ft long 60.00
Alligator 10 ft long 50.00
Babysoussu Skull. 15.00
Black tailed Deer. 1.00
Pony horn Audits. 1.00
Human Skeletons 1.00
Pecary 20.00

75.00
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40.00

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Office of
H.W. BOYD, M.D.
1391 Indiana Avenue
CHICAGO
March 25th, 1876

To Mr. A.B. Marsh

My dear Sir,

I hope you will excuse my long neglect. I have no excuse for not writing to you, only I have been hoping all the time to have some money to send you, but I have not had a single dollar on that Whale Skeleton yet. I have paid out about $150 in preparing it. But it is slow work to get it into an acceptable condition. And they will not pay me for it until I get it whole and free from all and resonated in the Exposition building. I have had your Chimpanzee Skeleton packed ready to send for many months, but have been waiting until I sent the other Skeleton. The Antelope is ready. The Buffels is now being mounted and I hope by the 15th of April to send the whole to you. I wish you would let me send you a Chimpanzee Skeleton nicely mounted, and a fine
large Porpoise Station over 9 feet in length.

and the large Alligator Station and
call the whole Whale Mathe square. I will
send Channgege, Buffalo, Antelope & Alligator
all by the last of next week. These Stations
are all fine ones. The Buffalo is the finest one
I ever saw. I am disappointed in the
Alligator: it is a very large one, but has been
massacred so much that it will be a great deal of
Trouble to mount it, it is 11 feet in length. I will
send all the other Stations mounted and will
give you a good disarticulated lower skeleton in the
Pack. Will ship all of them by last of next
week except the Porpoise, which will need a
little sanding and finishing, but it will be
ready to send in two weeks more. I am not
in a condition to share the $100 out of my living.
for I should have sent it long ago. But I have
offered you an extraordinary good trade. Of course
if you do not choose to accept it, I shall send
you the account as per former agreement, but I
cannot do it until the Execution Exceot can accept
the whole and pay me for it. I suspend when I
arranged with you for it, that they would pay me something on
it at once. And in fact I was given to understand it was by the
Secretary, but the Committee went back on him. I have
had to keep myself out of extreting any
with this.

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I hope you will accept of my proposition, and I shall take particular pains to mount the skeletons in an elegant manner, and will ship them all inside of two weeks. Nothing to hear from you soon.

I am Yours truly

H. W. Royce
Port O.C. March 4th,

My dear Sir,

Your letter was received last week. I have been looking every day in town or some days to get your address off, but the man who works for me is sick, and it has delayed his finishing them up. They are nearly ready, and will be sent in a day or two more.

The Buffalo is a very large one. I will send you the Mounted Chimneyed with the Buffalo and Antelope, and if you choose to keep him you can do so. If not you can return it. How would you like that of which I wrote about? If you want it, I will mount it mounted and send you to cure the hide best. I have got the whole mounted, but they have not accepted it yet. I have had it forced twice to get the oil out of it. There is not more oil in the inferior specimens. It is 7.5 feet long. Your truly,

H. W. Boyd
H. W. Boyd, M. D.
Office and Residence,
No. 1391 Indiana Avenue.

Chicago, March 25th, 1879

Prof. O. B. Neal
My dear Sir,

I presume you think it is strange that I do not write to you in regard to that little business matter between us. I really have no legitimate excuse for not doing so. I have never had a settlement with the parties I got it for, they have paid me only a portion of the money, and refuse to accept of it. I guess I shall have to buy them back, and make some other disposition of it. I have sent you the skeleton, and have not been able to open it yet at any time. I now have two skeletons I think will please you, and will give them to you to examine it all up. One is a Polypotassium, a young specimen, weight about 1200 or 1300 lbs. It has never been cleaned. The bones all white, partly by ligaments. It will make a nice skeleton. The other is the Phorectron, a large male grown old fellow with enormous tusks, several inches long, and over an inch in thickness. This one is neatly mounted, I will complete it for you if you accept and wish it done. In the last fall I sold a lot from Mr. Freshnell. It had a poor lot of things in it, mostly negro...
mato, spears, a caneful fan, needle of leather, and carved handle of wood, a poor skeleton of a young Chimpanzee, and a poor skull of a Young Hippopotamus, and a lot of shells. I will send you anything you want out of the lot. The mato are very curious also the spears. I will send you an assortment of these, and the fan, and Chimpanzee. The skull is a poor one, and you would not even pay for it.

Mr. Bucknell is now visiting his friends in this country. He was at my house a short time ago, and I am expecting him again in a few days. He is to return to Africa next month. He said he gave the money I sent him, to a trader, who was to bring him gorilla bones, etc. away up the Gambia. He had not returned last fall when Mr. Bucknell left Gambie, but he says he will be certain to find something when he (Mr. B) returns, and he will send it to me at once.

If you want the two skeletons please let me know at once, and I will send without delay, and put in the envelopes that came from Mr. B. Hoping to get a satisfactory reply from you soon.

I am

Yours Truly

W. W. Boyer