Dear Sir,

I have an account with one of Sam Smith's men to whom he is indebted for last year's work, as Sam Expresses it "is getting uneasy about his pay." Unfortunately, I have not been in funds (currency very scarce) even had I had authority to pay Smith, but if you will advise me what balance you owe willing to the credit of Sam Smith, I will try to raise the "uneasiness" referred to. On account I have paid to Smith.
$250.00 and also the N.Y. draft which you lately remitted to me—the and I do not just now remember—in all, something less than $600.

Weather has been very mild, but a change seems “on the way.” I fear winter will be winter from now on.

With our very kind regards & I remain at your service,

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
Of Bridge, Mo,  Apr 20, 77

My dear Professor:

Yours of 11th, coming $300. May 17th. I would have replied, acknowledging at that date, but had reason to expect Sam Smith in shortly—hence
delayed. I may also be ready to go to
report now the re-
cipt of postal order amounting to $300.
I am in the hour
in your credit in
Cusnet at.
Sam came in yester-
today, and I am
authorized to re-
post that he will
work till May in
accordance with
your wishes & obeying
such directions as my
come from you. As to
Heigy - he cannot yet say
how he is engaged, but
thinks not yet settled at
anything which will hinder
getting him. We shall
I need not tell you, I am glad to see you this summer. All friends respond to your kind message.

Mr. C joins me in kind regards.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
BRIDGE WYO
May 10, 1870

My dear Sir:

I wrote you sometime ago, upon receipt of last remittance, and told you that Sam Smith would work again to be ready by 1st May for orders. I believe he wrote to you also. In the meantime he has been in and made such inquiry, asked me to think he would like to close up such portions of last year's contracts as are undisputed. As you have not yet sent me an audited bill, I am at a loss to know how much you would authorize me to pay, but presume the $225 for 3 months' work, before
the regular reason, is the only item in Sam's bill which is temporarily suspended. Am I right? If so, there is then a balance beside that of between 500 and 100 dollar due Sam, which if you so direct, I will settle. Sam has expected orders since last met. I have a brother out here - who isn't in the most robust health, but who, I think, would make a capital collector. If your orders to Sam should not involve the season in a too hard country, I should like to have him take my brother as his assistant, and as Sam declines to an -

play anyone himself, I will act upon your instruction as to having his help? I may send my brother? A large party from Princeton propose coming about 15th June. Perhaps later. I have had an idea of setting Sam, with my brother, to a surveying survey of the region with easy beach (Smith, Tipton, Newf. - Dry Creek - Bear River) before they arrive! Advice me. With kind regards & hope soon to hear from you. Write if you think best.

I am truly yours,

J.W. Carter
My dear Professor: You, if sick is not and I hasten to give briefly reply.

Lam Smith has been in this vicinity since May 1st (the time I gave notice he would await orders) and daily since that time he has expected to receive your Command. Latterly he has ceased very uneasy and has been subjected to strong influence to join another party. He has always been faithful to you this, and hence has not consented to give his time to any one else. He has seemed very impatient to be at work, and as the season has been splendid, it is natural for him to have been restless under so long illness. I was not instructed to pay him for
last year's work, hence could not meet his money wishes. I wrote you, asking your advice as to that part of his at about which there is no controversy, but receiving no reply, I have been unwilling to receive his wishes. I think it important that the old matter excepting the 3 mos winter work which he is willing shall await personal discussion be closed; and that I be placed in position to assure him of prompt pay for any work this season. He says will not work in fossils this year. John Chew is profitably engaged at present but I think wants to get a job with the Princeton outfit. The waters are too high now and will be for several weeks, to go to White river and the fossil region in the vicinity is cleaned out. So that I shall present the case to him when he comes in (expect him tomorrow) and do what seems best, to occupy time until I hear from you again. Will anything be allowed for time since May 1st? I shall be glad to receive your remittance, as beyond doubt, money arguments are the most efficient ones that I may be allowed to use in the present attitude of affairs.

Dredy will spend a few weeks with me this summer but is not interested in fossils. I must close hurriedly for mail waiting. With regard to you truly Mulcaster.
Fitchburg Works

June 27, '77

My dear Prof. I showed your letter to John chew. Do not know his wishes but think he will write as he written. Sam Smith mailed out to get up his outfit but finding a horse 'exchanged' got off after it & on his return, as he said nothing further about going to work I asked him why not out in the field as the told one he didn't think he would go to work.
again until all scores were settled. I advised him to make the Bear river trip pending hearing from you, but he said nothing affirmatively, only than I report.

As far as I'm able to judge from present indications the Princeton party has given us the slip.

So cord of or from them here for over a month. I should be glad to have your instructions as to closing out all with Sam & what to do on now. He is not willing to make the white river trip by himself or will not undertake to outfit another man. Let me hear.

Yours truly, J.W. Ada Carter
July 10, 77

Dear Prof: Within few days past I have received your letter of July 4th, and in blank enclosures, dir. money orders of $50 each. To this time no work for you has been going on. About May 1st Sam Smith was in hand and awaited instructions and a settlement of old scores. I could give him neither, but proposed a trip for him, which he agreed to make, but was hindered by finding his horses gone.
astray. It was when he returned
from search of them that I wrote
you again asking some instruction
as to settling with him, to which
at this date I have had no reply.

Upon receipt of your telegram
of 20th June I referred it to
John Chew. He said nothing,
evidently awaiting the promised
letter. I also referred it
to Jno. Chew, who by his silence in-
dicated also a wish to see
something more detailed. Upon
receipt of the letter I read it
to John Chew, who said he
would like to work for you all
season if you would pay him
as much as any one else. He
replied that he knew what you would
pay, but if he proposed to
work, now was the time to say
so and go at it. He replied

that he could not for at least ten
days. He has been at work
for the Judge all spring and is
now, but liable at any day to
be out of employment. He has
anticipated looking for work with
the Princeton party, and I wanted
it understood that I would em-
ploy him for you at once, but did
not want to await a decision
subsequent to efforts for work in
other directions.

As to Sam going to White river, he will
not make the trip — it being
too hazardous. John Chew
doesn't want to work alone.

These two will not work together.

Herschel has a job which he
will not quit for either you
or any other scientific party. I
have heard nothing from the
Princetons, and it seems some-
What doubt I about their coming? Of course we know all about this thing and what it is worth, but if the object is to keep them new out of other hands, it seems to me the danger is not imminent, and if they continue to delay until the season is expended, you have lost nothing, but saved their fumes. But when some new and prolific yield is reached, it does not seem likely that an expedition will accomplish anything which you could regret, and any work in this vicinity would result in gain of nothing and loss of the fumes. If the real object is to get these new out of reach of other parties, I think it would be wise to refuse.
The reason, and send them both to new ground — if there is any, or in search of it. I am in good spirits to undertake the trip to Bennington, which I advised, and would undoubtedly be on that trip now, if he had found his horses promptly. He does not anticipate even trying for work with the Princeton (if they come) but seems unnecessarily. I think, anxious to have the old matter fixed. Of course he is right in waiting the settlement — for the cook is done, and except the item of Sade's manner time, which he is willing shall await discussion with you — there cannot be any controversy as to what is due him, but until you instruct me, I can go no further, and on this point you say nothing. Please respond as early as possible to this, if any new turn is deemed advisable you can send a few words by wire.

Weather is very warm & dry. Waters still up, but cannot long continue. Mosquitoes and terrific!

I write hastily and imperfectly, but you will be able to fill the omission from your knowledge of the situation. Let me know the real necessities, and your wishes — I will do my best.

Yours very truly,
Paul Carter
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Received at:                 Blue Blaze, July 8th

To:                         Prof. C. W. Nees. [23]

Gale College

Smith absent otherwise

employed shall chew

of a companion make

White River trip Sam

wakes for you or time

no competition yet—

J. P. Dan-Carter

Estes
Sr. Bridger Mo
Aug 6 '77

My dear Prof:

After considerable trouble in setting out, I have outfitted Chesm and company are about starting for White River. They are well fixed and I hope not to doubt not will make a good trip.

Sam Smith has not yet returned from a trip north in interest of the judge, and I do not think is apt to put in any time this season. This I may send him to Bear...
river is deemed advisable. I do not think any desirable country will be molested. Princeton is here—working in Grizzly Butte & on Cottonwood & Henning's fork. They do not intend going beyond Green River in a southerly direction. Talk some of a trip to Butte Creek but this they cannot make at this season.

I am about to make a little trip to the mountains. Hope to hear from you if you have any command. 

In haste.

Your truly,

J. Van A. Carter
My dear Prof:

Yours enclosing
My check for three hundred
some odd dollars is
received, and I have paid
the same to Sam Smith.
He happened here just
as it came. I have
pretty thoroughly made
the inquiries you desired
and am certain that
Sam has been loyal.
I told him that you
were not very enthu-
astic over the result
of summer's work, putting
it mildly, and he
seemed more disappointed
than offended — in fact
expressed no rebuttal in
form of assurance that
he had done wonders,
but said he thought when
you saw the white river
collection, you would feel
satisfied. He said he had
endeavored to obey your
wishes & regrets if his
course had not given satis-
faction. Of course I have
not & will not hint to him
anything of the contents of my
former letter referring to Cape.
When I have your further
correspondence I will add any
item which in meantime occurs.
H. Bridges Way  Dec 20, 77

Dear Professor:

If convenient, a remittance for money orders will be an accommodation. I have paid Chew and Foster for their time the past season 29.62 and 22.13. I will at the end of the year, or as soon as convenient, send you a detailed statement with such vouchers as I have to accompany it. Am very busy, with kind regards to yourself.

J. Van Alstine

I have also settled with Sam Smith for all except the winter work except in your direction to me to settle. Jool
Sedgwick, Wyo. Feb 22, 78

Prof. C. Marsh
New Haven, Conn.

My dear Sir:

Your enclosure No. 1 (1200) Three hundred dollars in new currency you credit on a G. have been so busy otherwise as not to be able to forward promised statements but hope to prepare it very soon. With best wishes,

Yours truly,

[Signature]
H. Bridge, Mo
April 18, 1878

Dear Sir:

Your telegram of letter from Mr. W. Vailly ree? and the letter referred to expected daily. Today your of 10th ree?

In meantime Sam Smith's telegram has advised you that he is engaged here to as not to find it suitable to make the trip you desired.

The man who worked with Chew last season has started for the Utah mining country, and John...
Yourself is in Mr. Plump's fork and could doubtless be glad to have employment. I will communicate your wishes to him as soon as I can see him. In meantime would like for you to write a line to say whether another man, if I can find one, will meet your wishes.

Sam Smith deposited a check for $50 with me which I have placed to your credit in account, subject to your approval.

The weather has been splendid until 15th of this month, since which time,

Raw winds & frequent storms have prevailed.
I have been detained from my desk by an accident, and this, with much other to do, has hindered preparation of the promised statement. Hope to send it soon.

With best wishes,

Your truly,

J. M. Carter

P.S.

I learn that Foosley, who was with Chew last season, may not have gotten away yet, so that it is possible John can get him.

C
My dear Boy:

Affairs have been in so uncertain and excited condition here for a month that I have not felt like writing, even if I had had time. Perhaps you have already heard that Fort Bridger has been ordered evacuated—the order is now accomplished except an officer and ten men until government property are removed—and is recommended for abandonment. A bit of policy I suppose, but like many other moves...
Without reason or the best interest of the public service to recommend it. Occurring in the midst of Indian threatenings on both sides of the Sanocks north and the Mtes south, it does not seem the inspiration of so distinguished a military gentleman as Genl. Sherman — whence the order. But this is of no interest to you.

Neither Sam nor Chew have gone to work or do not think it likely either will. Sam’s engagement both he & I wrote you of. Mr. Chew is helpfully kick with Rheumatism — now absent at Saltlake hot springs. Sam has been
to your debit of say $281.40—which if convenient, please remit to me in exchange—not postal orders any more as I have closed the money order office. I will as soon as I can make you a statement of our whole account forwarded vouchers for the expenditures, in accordance with wish you once expected. I shall hope to hear from you soon—especially you wish as to keeping going. I cheer off other work than in your service. This as to Sam it is absolutely certain he will not work in pupils for anyone else but you this season. With kind regards, your truly J. Van A. Carter
Dear Professor:

Excuse me for troubling you to ask that you send me your New York draft for $278.25 to close up your a/c. I desire this because, since the evacuation of Fort Bridger, it is necessary for me to seek employment elsewhere. Before going I am anxious to make the books show as little unsettled business as possible. Joe Chew is about here, but unable to work. Sam Smith was besieged for several days by the Pawnees but would not work for them. He intends making this this headquarters. He is now out on a little trip to Dry Creek “for the fun of it!” When I receive your remittance I will forward vouchers showing all the disbursements from beginning to end. Hoping very soon to hear from you, I am with kind regards, in which please join me. Yours truly, [Signature]