Rowanda  
Albany Oct. 22, 1868.

Prof. O. C. Marsh  
Dear Sir,

I regret exceedingly, not to have seen you on your journey to Chicago last August. I had anticipated much pleasure from an increase of knowledge, in being in your company among the rocks near Salamanca where those horse tracks are found so plentifully. But I suppose you had good, sufficient reasons for passing on without stopping.

I was up at Salamanca yesterday, and have arrangements to those specimens which I have had sent to the College for which I designed. There will be one sent directly to you, tomorrow, by the Way freight, which will have well defined tracks upon it. For your consideration, The stone will weigh, probably 300 pounds. The man who got them out, at first, did...
to have them thinner, hence lighter, but the three first broke.
He said they had become so hard, by the fire burning over them, they would break in getting them out if they were not thick as he had them. E.g. Newton, myself, spent the forenoon searching among the rocks, to see if we could find one, where the horse had walked along, but the rocks are so broken, we did not find such an one. We found those where the hind foot had stepped into the powd and foot track but it could discern the horses were numerous, walking in all directions, that they were of all sizes, from small colts, to the large horse whose track measures 9 1/2 to 10 inches. This sand rock is the same formation which underlies the coal mines in Lafayette 18 or 20 miles south of town. This locality.

As it respect fossils, I do not believe any of living thing can be found among them. The large horse cut down so much deeper than the others, we can identify his track on the rocks all around. When you receive the specimen which I have sent you, which will not probably be before next Wednesday please acknowledge the receipt of it, let me know what you think of it. If it will be convenient for you at any future time, to visit that locality drop me a line, I shall be happy to meet you there.

Present our regards, if you please, to Prof Lyman & family.

Respectfully yours,

S. Coles
From April 20, 1869.

Prof. C. O. Marsh

Dear Sir,

I have been waiting several days, expecting an answer from Prof. Root of Ham.

Colle get to what time in July, August, it won't be consistent for him to visit
this section of the State. My object was to

have you, & him, here at the same time

trusting it will be more pleasant to agree

able to each of you, than it will, to be

alone. I expect to start for Illini,
on Thursday next, on a visit of three or

some weeks. I wished to let you know

I was interested, very much so, in

having a true scientific answer, or by

planning, to those tracks which I sent

you, before I went. When I return, I shall

doubtless know, and learn Prof. Root will

be here, & I will inform you. I remain,

[Signature]
you can arrange your duties so as to meet, I shall be pleased if you cannot, you can then set your own time, I will be ready to accompany you as I expect to be at home thro' the summer. I have made arrangements with a gentleman, who assures me there are elk tracks, or some animal that divided the hoof, in the rocks sixteen miles south of Randolph, to go over the me to see them, the last week in next month. Then, either the water or sides in the ravine near this village, say in July, I wish to make examination of the rocks, where I found those two fossil fish last summer, to ascertain whether they are more to be found there. I hope to make your visit interesting & profitable to science as well as to ourselves. Besides I wish to talk with you a little, about the locality, two miles from Randolph, where a Mastodon tooth was found, a few years past. If I am not entirely

sufferer mistaken in my theory when we get thru examining the rocks, you will have evidence, upon Mr Prof. Dana can speak with more certainty than he does on the subject of amphibians in the Devonian period. Perhaps you will make a trip to me on the subject, but I can't see how I suppose Bro. Lyman has sailed for Europe - My regards to his wife & family if you see them. Mrs Cowles has been at her bro. Williams in Illinois for three weeks past. I will write you on my return from the West.

Yours Truly, J. Cowles.
Eudunda June 3, 1869.

Prof. O. C. Marsh

Dear Sir, I wrote you, just as I was about to go West on a journey, I had written to Prof. Root to have him set a time when he could be spared from his duties, with a design to have him to you, meet here at the same time, but on my return I found answer, that his duties were such he could not set a time. Hence, as I am to be at home the rest of the season, will you please set your own time when it will be convenient for you to visit this region, I will be ready for you, by giving me due notice, at any time after next week. Next week on Friday, I have arranged to visit the rocks, 16 miles south of Randolph where, I am told, are many Solms tracts, or some animal with a cloven hoof, in the rocks. If there is any thing of
interest to science there, I should wish you to go with me, if you could spend the time, from Salem to examine them. I am somewhat favorably to the idea of elk's tracks, as they call them, because I found a loose stone in Randolph, which had a track like an elk, perfectly defined upon it. Then there are two or three localities near this village, which I wish you to visit. Prof. Lyman in a letter last winter spoke of a lecture "on Earthquakes," and you had just given in all he was greatly interested, wished I could have heard it. What I now suggest, if consistent with your circumstances, you would come out the last of the week, spend the Sabbath with me, on Sabbath evening give a lecture in the church on that subject; we could have a crowd house, it would do good. Whenever you can leave me in the evening express on the Erie Railway, to Perrysburg, if you would be here at 2 P.M. the next day. There is an omnibus at the station, ready to bring down passengers on their arrival. Myself & family will be happy to entertain you.

Yours Respectfully,

J. Cookes.
Prof. C. Marsh,

Dear Sir,

I wrote you some time or four weeks since, requesting you to set your time to visit my
examine the rocks in reference to those tracks
also, I stated, I had had reported to me,
elses tracks on the rocks, south of Randolph,

When I purposed to go, examine the next tacks
to inform you of the result of that visit,
is the object of the present writing. They are
near the Penns a line, 15 miles, or 20, south of
Randolph. The rocks are of the same form
across of those on the hills around Salina
area. After looking around an hour or 20, i

getting the rain of the original surface rocks,
I found tracks, as perfect, as those I sent you
There were some of the same kind, but
They were small, like a colts tracks, I was fort-
unite enough to clear off a piece, with
ting hammer, while I was at home, having two
Tracks upon it, which you can examine and compare with some I have from different places. There are other tracks which appear different as if made by a cloven hoof. They are quite numerous—find them on every original surface rock. The man who first told me about them, when he saw those of his, said he found those ash's were much larger, in digging his mill-race. Those ash's divided the hoof like the ticks on an animal of that kind. The largest and best were chosen under the soil, other rocks were on the top of them. This would be natural, as the surface rocks would drift down from the hill's first, the others be on the top of them. Unfortunately for my purpose, the rocks either be dug out, in making the mill-race, were laid as an embankment. The earth thrown on them, hence were covered up so I could not get at them. Those ash's I saw lie around in the bushes or the fields indiscriminately. It was a rainy, chilly day when I saw them, the tracks were full of water, which made it more difficult to determine whether any truly were absolutely the tracks of a cloven hoof. I got wet, too, took a severe cold and was made a bit sick for a week, but I felt well paid for my trouble. If your duties will permit you to visit us within two or three weeks, I shall be glad; only drop me a line, let me know a few days before hand. Young Wells, who graduates in the class soon at your College, will be at home soon, his father tells me; perhaps it could be agreeable for you to come out in company with him. He is expected home before Commencement. There are two or three places near this village, which will interest you to examine.

Bro. Lyman seems to be enjoying himself highly in Europe. His relations, freedom from duty, will do him good. I am glad he enjoys himself so well. It will give him new vigor for duty, when he returns.

Very Respectfully,

Yours J. Costes.