Phinney Austin & Co. D.
May 26 1889

Prof. O.C. Marsh.

Dear Sir,

I have a collection of Brontochyrium fossils that I have been gathering since March. I wish you 9 Ells last year. Threw Mr. Hatcher, and as it takes some money to help me going on as I cannot hear from Mr. Hatcher I concluded to address you. I will ship you this collection of mine subject to your inspection trusting to your judgment as a straight forward gentleman. I will describe my collection as near as I can until making them every thing but
Just what I Represent this skull to be is complete to my knowledge I do not think there is a chin’s gom it has the horn cores on and all the teeth i.e. 24 incase from arch to arch and 2.59 in Long

Skull 1st.

Les got the teeth on one side and but one on the other

I have also 3 other skulls not turning up yet one is the long North Core! Knife but has 26 Teeth on the other 2 is done what 10 but I think Fair Specimen

I have also a Complete Shoulder Blade

and at least 95 Upper & Lower Jaw Teeth principally Upper Jaw and some of them that was turning out of spine where the Teeth was perfect and all their and the balance of the skull is

good if you want my Collection added

Fred Craven

Phineas Craven
Phinnly L. D.
Oct 21
1889

Prof. O. C. Marsh
New Haven
Conn.

Dear Sir,

I ship you today 21 boxes of fossils with the following contents:

1. No. 1 Bronchothema skull
2. 2 leg bones & teeth of Bronchothema & the upper teeth & lower jaws of something I do not know
3. Some toe bones
4. No. 3 Bronchothema skull

Good:
5. Bronchothema teeth
6. 5-crytized teeth
As 6—
2 Turtles

1 Brontothere Skull & Tor bone

2 Brontothere Skull

3 Skull of the Brontothere & four

10 Brontothere Skull & Lower Jaw

Jaws found 8 1/2 ft from skull

11 Rhynocerine Skull & Lower Jaw

Jaws found 2 in from skull

12 Rhynocoris Skull

13 Young Brontothere Skull & Teeth of Brontothere belonging to the same animal

4 Teeth of Brontothere and a Flower Jaw Tooth that was kept up by you & Mr. Hatcher when you were here

14 Good Brontothere Skull &caus of Lower Jaw of the Brontothere.
No. 15 but of Oreadus heads
No. 16. 2 Shoulder blades of the same

Large Leg bone

Vertebrae

2 Large bones

Nose & Horn Core of Bronto
Horn Core & Front of Bronto

For Bone found to gether

Leg bone

No. 21 Rhyosurus skull

No. 1 Brontothorus skull that was found by me & Metwelle collecter 
Shipt to Stilwell & Mr. Hatch

Reparch and brought back him

No. 18 Young Rhyosurus skull

2 Back molus of Bronto thorus

No. 19 Bronto skull with lower
Jaws on

1 pair of lower Jaws of Bronto

Grouse of upper Jaw. Seating Bronto

back on tip of lower Jaw.
To 20 Ammonite & Assorted.
Of Upper & Lower Teeth of the
Brontothere.
To 21 Rynchosaurus Skull.

The Skull is but as is perfect but they were a red crack running thru it and rather than
Take the chance of it breaking in the box I took it a pair and or
black Earth part separated in the same box I sold it that I sold at
$125.00. I have yet 1 good perfect
Skull and. I others, besides 2
pair of lower jaw that I have
not storing yet but will
ship you with my last Rhiphut.
This Fall. I am growing from
here on the bed of Salt River
75 miles East from where I
live. I live of a brother done
fields. The rest I that I thank
never can work over until inside

Something new. I desire to go to Each on a good holiday trip and learn more about the 10 of December and would like to return from this shipmate that sent if possible and when you get the price on them but the price of Each. But as it is numbered so it can estimate just what each boat brings. I would be very much pleased to have many pieces of books sent to me that would be of assistance to me. Hoping that I have filled all the boxes to suit you and the time safely I remain Yours Respecting.

Gus Cram
Phinney
Custor Co

P.S.
You will find very poor spelling in my letters to you, but it is one of my shortcomings.
Phinney Oct 20
Nov 11
1889

Prof. O. C. March
My dear Sir

I Shift you 21 boxes by freight
wicht I hope you have received by
this time I have 4 skulls
1 box of bones besides a small pair
of lower jaws the lower jaws is
the smallest I have ever seen they
have but 2 teeth on each side
3 of the skulls is good ones and
one piece is the upper perchish
I have ever seen this I three
will be my last shipment this
fall as winter has set in as I did
not go to the Shelf Formations
you told me to stay in the
Brontothere Read as long as
could and I have done so in
my first letter to you I told you
that I desired to go East this winter and want to go as far East as New Haven as I am very anxious to pay Yale College Museum a Visit if it will not be asking to much of you or not putting you to too much trouble. I would like my first shipment examined and what you want of it the price let out or give you can pay me in part. I hope that the boxes I shipped arrived safe. I took as much of your as I could to pack them I will ship you my 4 shells just as soon as I can cross the river. I wish you well in a few days.

Give my regards to Prof. Beach and the whole family.

Yours Respectfully,

Gus Craven

I distorted Grant East! Colston and

10 of Dec.

E.D. D.
Bus Craven Nov 16 & 29
4 boxes more
Dont funds. ($200 sent Nov 23 & 29)
Hermosa, S. D.
Nov 23 1889

Prof. O. C. Marsh
New Haven
Conn.

Dear Sir,

I ship you today 5 boxes with the following contents. But a 22 extra good Brontosaurus.

23

2 4 Brontothere Skull

2 5 Large Brontos. 2 2 in wider than the large. Stated [sic] by Mr. Hatcher.

But 10 26 small pair of lower jaws of the Brontosaurus. The smallest to have ever been. 4 groups of lower jaw teeth. Your truly E. C. Craver.
Phinney, S. D. Dec. 1889

Prof. O. C. Mayhew
Dear Sir,

I received your letter of Nov 23 and also the check of $10 for $200. Many thanks. I am sorry that I made a mistake in shipping to you and I have made the same mistake in my last shipment. Not knowing any better I will leave it on the 15th of Dec. and I will ship another to my Parents at Indianapolis and you will receive me to ask Mr. Hatcher to stop off at Indianapolis on his way East and I will go out to
New Haven with him my address will be 139 East Street.

Your truly

Gas Claim
Prof. March

Dear Sir,

Please have me some money here not later than the last of this month. I have a note in the bank that is due. Thus

My regards to

Mr. Beacher

Yours Respectfully,

E. Rice

L. Grove
Feb. 6th 90

Check for Nov 89. $1.25.
Phinney, S. D. March 14
Prof. O. C. March 1890

Dear Sir,

I have been down to the Head of Bad River 50 miles East from here and found a Boonstearm Skull with the Lower Jaws in place not having its Lumber to Bud it and bring a Fraid I might Brase it at Tracys To bring it home with out a Boonsteer. I came home after my outfit & I am growing Back I am the morning when I came home I will ship it to you.

P.S. Send me a few address Envelops

Yours Respectfully

Gus Orman.
Walker House,

W. B. Walker, Proprietor.

March 25, 1890

Prof. O. C. Marsh

Dear Sir,

I returned to day from the Head of Bad River what I found 3 crows (Brant-thins) one with the lower jawon and the smart complete avail I have even found yet. And I expected to guide her waiting for me. Some money from you I am very sorry that it was not here for it Compels me to quit Bone Hunting until I receive it. I think it is justified to me you should attend to my Collection I want you and if they is anything coming to me and if not to me to work on this. Summer Bones is getting very scarce here and I think after this Summer a man can not make wages working here. So I would like to work this Summer if you will give me a little Encouragement.
I quit collecting for Stillwell to collect for you and when you was at my place I left every thing to you in regard to the Price of each piece of the small stuff and I am still willing to leave it to you. I cannot compete with Mr. Hatchet nor did I agree to. You must not expect me to collect bone on the same. Basses as he for when he was here he had the cream of the bone trade and I started in over the same ground that he had worked over. I looked at the matter in this light years ago you could buy a Buffalo hide for $10.00. The same hide to day will cost. $35.00 or $40.00 Bone is getting scarce that is good one. This will be the last time I will ask for a settlement.

Yours Respectfully
Gus Crawford.
Phineas Liister 20 April 25

Prof. O. C. Marsh

Dear Sir

I received the check you sent me for $5.00 and also the check you sent for $5.00 for the small fossil I gave you last winter. The big Amonite I know about is very bad; I don’t know if it was broken at the time I sent you the letter. I have it here and if you desire it I will ship it to you when I make my next shipments. I have not been during very much collecting on account of bad weather. We have had a great deal of snow and rain but I will start out Monday the 27th from Rapid City.

Geo. Crumr

P.S. Let me know about the big Amonite
Phineas B. Custer Co. 2 d. 25 April 1890

Received from Prof. O.C. March 175.00 for Twenty Five Potters for fossils shipped in 1889

Gus Craven.
Phinnly Custer CSLL
Aug 3 1890

Prof. O. C. Marsh
New Haven
Conn

Dear Sir,

Please lend me a few of those cards to go on the boxes when I pack. I hope the bones arrived safe & that you were pleased with them. I am afraid that I will never get to gather than good a Brooklitherum collection again. Hoping Sir that you are enjoying good health this summer & summer. I remain your friend and admirer,

Gus Boren
Received Dec 4 1890

Dated Nov 16th

To Prof O C Marshall

Run Dr By Indians out of Fund $100 Commercial Bank Amosva One hundred Dollars for Me

Gus Craven
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Dec 5th 1890

To E. Craven.

Hermosa, S. Dakota.

Telegram rec'd. Have sent Hatcher funds for you. If not rec'd, let me know.

O'Leary

Form rate paid.

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Received at NEW HAVEN, CONN.

Dated: November 22, 1890

To: Prof. C. E. March

And no funds yet

Geo. Graven
Received at New Haven, Conn. 1142 Dec 6 1890

Dated Hermosa SD 6
To O C Marsh

Received funds, great Indian excitement State Burwell horses this evening

Gus Craven
Phinney, S. D. Dec 20
1890

Prof. O. C. Marsh
New Haven
Conn.

Dear Sir,

I arrived here yesterday having been 19 days coming from Pine Ridge being disabled by the children having the "Grip" and bad. Stormy weather. I have got a big Ammunition to ship you from some parties here that has been on a Shell hunt. I think lives the one that Clifford had it will way go bust 150 lbs on 200 lbs this first time I go to Hemsea.
P.S. I have just received a letter from Mr. Hatcher saying that he did not look over my collection. This is partly true, I got lumber & lron nails from and I promise them pay when I came back. I do not want to hurry you but it would be a favor to me to have you look over it and decide what it is worth. If I had not sent Eanes I would not grade the money but I spent what you gave me.

Yours respectfully.

Gus Cranch

I will ship it and you can say what it is worth. I got the Armnocks on them Andersons I will also ship you the pieces. I bome Mr. Hatcher left here belonging to them. Broadhands Window that Clifford found near Quadrail in the same box. I hope Mr. Hatcher will get off them bone butchers of Sitwell. They are coming down here in March and they are going to try and get a facsimile from the agent to hunt on the reservation. Mr. Hatcher promised me that he would be the agent and try and prevent it. Yours truly.

Gus Cranch
Camp, Mt. Mouth of White Horse Creek
Jan 14 1891

Prof. O. C. Marsh

Dear Sir,

I have some relics here and have collected while sampling for Gen Carr that I have collected from the Big Foot & White Clay Battle Field that I desire to sell if you would like some of them I will send them to you if you do not want them you may use of some one that does we are moving very slowly towards the Painted Hills and I think by May we will have them
Some surrounded, then I think the fun will commence, it is a hard matter to say when the Regular will be if I the Indians will surrender & give up their horses & guns. I think they will not be on the fight but if not their turn will be and a battle one the Hostile has almost completely Reinforced my gunboat my Rancho & died and storm my power. Please excuse penciles we can have no letter in camp and as a Currier wants to write with mails so must close.

Adyase

Gus Craven

Hernosa

Col.
Phimney Custer Co. S.D. Feb 20

Prof. O. C. Marsh

Dear Sir,

I am about applying for a position as farmer at Pine Ridge Agency and as I require a letter from the last two parties who have employed me, I take the liberty of addressing you. I have just sent to Gen. Carr, a similar letter asking him for a letter of recommendation which I am sure of getting. If you feel any delicacy in the matter by any means send it. I have a present for you from the Wounded-Kneecap Band. It is Big Foot's Pipe. I have been wanting to send it to you but concluded to write you first and be if you would accept of it. For I have wrote you 2 letters and I never received no answer to them. Gen. Carr was the last who employed me. I was a Scout and Guide for him during the last Indian Trouble.
I do not know whether I will get these things or not as there is several applicants but I am compelled to do something for I had a comfortable start but I am a trade the Indians has killed the bigger part of my cattle any thing you can do for me in this matter will be thankfully received

Yours Respectfully

Geo Graven
Yale College,
New Haven, Conn., February 27, 1891.

Gus Craven, Esq.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of February 20th is at hand, informing me that you are about to apply for the position as farmer at Pine Ridge Agency, and that you wish Gen. Carr and myself, as your two last employers, to recommend you. This I will do with pleasure, as in all your work for me, you have proved yourself efficient and trustworthy, and I think you have other good qualifications for the position named.

Gen. Carr is an old friend of mine, and I should be glad to join with him in anything he approves of.

Yours, truly,
March 3, 1891

Prof. O. C. March

Dear Sir,

I received your letter with check for one hundred dollars and the copy of the New York Herald. I sent it to you. It was very interesting to me, and I think that I know every word of it having read it so often. It must have made Copse feel ashamed of himself but it may be as you say that it is not a match left in him. I have been very busy attending to my children and have come home. They have been all sick and I am sorry to say that we buried our baby. Eddie, the next youngest is still sick but not as bad as he was it costs money to have sickness and to far a ward from Emu's Doctor $50.00 Enick Niel.
I will start out in the Bone<br>Feud just as soon as I can<br>leave home which I hope will be<br>in 10 days or 2 weeks Hoping that<br>you will have Mr. Hatcher attend to<br>the collection I sent you As I can<br>than the money to work on I remain<br>Yours Truly,<br>Gus O'Leary<br>Phinney<br>Custer Co<br>S. D.<br>Phinney S. D. March 3, 1890<br>Recived from Prof. O. C. March 5, 1890 as part payment on my Collection Sent to Yale<br>Gus O'Leary
Phineas S. D. March 19, 1891

Prof. O. C. March,
New Haven
Conn.

Dear Sir,

I sent you today by mail a present—a pipe that I got from the Wounded Knee Fight. I got the pipe from a Wounded Squaw. That was a half sister of Big Foot, and I was assured by other of Big Foot’s band that the pipe belonged to him. You will also please find in the box with the pipe a tobacco sack that came from the Wounded Knee fight but I do not know who it belonged to. It was found on the ground after the fight. I received your kind letter and I am under many obligations to you for it. Give my regards to Mr. Beecher. Yours very respectfully,

Geo. Craven.