Mr. Marsh

Dear Sir:

At the time I told my mound collection to Mr. Blackmore of Eng. Prof. Henry urged me to take months of many of the unique specimens.

Following his advice I had me hundred made one half of which represent those wonderful sculptured pipes from the Mounds of Ohio. These pipes exhibit the highest while in the working of stone ever attained by the Mound builders.
I have had five sets cast and colored in close resemblance to the originals. These sets are distributed as follows: to the Smithsonian Inst., Peabody Inst., Cambridge State Cabinet of Ohio — American Museum of Nat. History New York — each one once one still in my hands.

I address you at the suggestion of Dr. James Risley who proposes that he and others of the Alumni of Yale in New York shall purchase and present this remaining set to the College if you will write and signify that it would prove acceptable.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

G. H. Davis
Tuesday, July 20, 75

Prof. Marsh,

Dear Sir:

Finding from the morning papers that you are now in this city, I will submit the substance of a letter which I yesterday forwarded to your New Haven address in regard to a proposed donation to Yale College.

At the time of the sale of my "Mound Collection" to the Salisbury Museum in Eng., Prof. Henry of the Smithsonian urged me to take models of most of the unique specimens I followed his advice and had one hundred made, half of which represent the rare and wonderful shells.
towed pieces from the Mounds of Ohio. These pieces exhibit the highest skill in the working of stone ever attained by the Mound-builders. I have had five casts made from these Mounds, one of which remains in my hands, the others being distributed respectively to the Smithsonian Institution, Washington—The Peabody Inst., Cambridge—The State Cabinet of Ohio—and The Am. Museum of Nat. and History, Yale.

I address you on the subject at the suggestion of Dr. Jared Lindly (of 22 Lafayette R.) who proposes that he and others of the Alumni of Yale in New York should purchase the remaining set and present it to Yale College if you will signify in writing that it would be acceptable.

Most respectfully,

E. H. Davis,

175 East 52nd St.
New York

P.S. An early reply addressed to Dr. Lindly or myself will be much obliged.
175 East 82nd. St.
N. Y. C. Nov. 26th 1777

Mr. C. H. Farnam,

Dear Sir,

My friend Dr. Linsly has requested me to report progress on the subject of a set of casts of Mound pipes &c. intended for your institution.

In my former correspondence with Prof. Marsh, I informed him that Dr. L proposed to get the alumni association here to purchase a set for your archaeological department. After some delay it was suggested to the Doctor, that he had better take the whole matter upon himself, and he has kindly consented to do so, presenting it in the name of his son Wilford Linsly the artist.
The Doctor wishes me to inform you when I will be able to send them, I think not before the middle of next month, as some of the pieces have yet to be cast and colored. He also thinks I should make you a visit at the same time, which I shall be happy to do if I can make it convenient. I should like very much to see your collections.

Please present my respects to Prof. Marsh. Hoping to hear from you again, I remain,

Most respectfully,

Yours &c,

E. H. Davis