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My dear Marsh,

I was at Cohoes
yestern day & heard of your visit there to inspect the remains of
the Mastodon. I share in your
desire to secure them for the Yale
Cabinet & as I am located within
an hour's ride I will very willingly
render any assistance to that end
which may be in my power. If you
will inform me what Prof. Dana &
other interested are willing to do
or what they propose to do I will
very cheerfully act as their agent.

It is highly probable
that the rest all the remaining
fragments of the skeletons are in the
To complete the excavations will cost about $300—an expense which the proprietors of the mill do not propose to undertake at their own expense but would have no objection to it being undertaken by anyone else.

There is a strong feeling in favor of depositing the bones in the State Collection at Albany if sale is really determined to secure them they must be prepared to make very strong representations. If Prof. Dana however would notify himself of the high consideration he enjoys among all intelligent classes he might succeed in getting them. If I can be of any assistance to you in a small way please command me.

Very sincerely yours,

C. E. Dutton

Dr. Ord. U.S.A.
NATIONAL ARMY
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My dear March

I learned yesterday
that in the New York State Senate
was brought up the subject of the
purchase of Brevet. Hall's cabin.
Not only did that body decline
to make the purchase, but several
senators took advantage of
the subject occasion animal
upon the history of the cabinet
and the circumstances under which
it was accomplished, so that the subject will
probably never be introduced
into the legislature again with
the learned Professor's consent.
Considerable movement was
occasioned by the motion of
one gentleman (or amendment)

be purchased at the price demanded (565,000) & that if be paid for when the New Capitol is finished. I also saw Prof. Nason of the Rensselaer Ins. last evening, who told me that the Prof. was so disturbed, that after dreadfully whole is, the State is faced to lose the cabinets. Hall is relieved of any possible reproach which may come to him through the charge of neglecting to give the State the first opportunity of the preference among purchasers; I finally he was to get as good a price for it as he demanded.

Now what I am coming at is this. Hall will probably sell to the best bidder. Again...
They say has long been a bidder, offering $75,000. I don't believe it. He may raise it, that rather than lose it, but if he has offered $50,000 he has started the bids well. How I need not tell you that the procession of this cabinet, as between Harvard and Yale, will determine which institution is to monopolize the study of geology. Have you thought, in this connection, of the possibility of raising by a grand barnet the means of getting it? Is there no man, or series of men, who can be made to realize the truly character of money in comparison with the eternal value of this collection?

"Can nobody go, will nobody send To Calais, to Bergen, to Town or Bengal, or any where else I find some..."
individual who by extraordinary representations can be induced to donate this thing to Yale College? My own guess is that it is not pleasant to have Harvard get it. The Cornell may come in as a bidder, indeed. I have heard the subject mentioned, but I think Hall is inclined to close with Agassiz' offer. I shall try to see Whitfield either to-morrow or next day, and will tell you all about it. I will let you know. I hope you are not prepared to renounce the matter as hopeless at the outset.

Very Truly Yours

C. E. Diller

To
Prof. O. C. March
Yale Coll.