Garden Park, Colo.
Jan. 23, 1887.
Prof. Marsh

Dear Sir:

Father need your letter with check last evening and today yours of the 19, inst with inquiries relative to SK. 11. and being quite ill requests me to say at soon as he is able he will look up the matter for you.

You will also find enclosed receipt for money sent

Sincerely
Sadie E. Felch.

[In behalf of M. P. Felch]
I am having rather a serious time this winter and it has been almost fruitless since I was out—have had two attacks since my last letter one of which I came near going off.

My physician hopes to get me out as soon as the snow melts off and the weather gets a little warmer.

Now I wish to know if it is asking too much to make me some allowance for these winter months—and if considering the matter please take into account among other reasons the following facts.

(1) That the $50 dollars allowed last winter for improvements only covered about half the actual cash outlay and that same two miles work by myself and one hand was done in
March and no account of the time made.

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(2). That my lumber cost me from 30 to 50 per cent more than estimated, or even cost before.

(3) That I had washed away by flood over 30 dollars worth of lumber selected for ties and that as long as I took all of the ordinary precautions for safety I should not be held to lose it all. (I had a large lot of slabs and lumber besides this lot washed off of my own).

(4) Though I only charged time up to the 15th of Dec. I worked into the first week in Jan. to get things in shape to leave safely and since every fall of snow has had to send a man to clear it off from exposed portions also to keep a general lookout for the safety of the property + all of which takes care time and expense for me and all of which is hereby respectfully submitted.

W.P. Kel. 

P.S. Havilh lighted a pipe tobacco or coffee for almost six weeks. W.P.K.
my case any and if it would to make the change permanent.

Do you intend to have the quarry worked as usual this season or not?

I would like to know soon so as to make calculations on what to do for I must be at something soon to make up for my long spell of enforced idleness and expense.

Respectfully yours

M. P. Kelch
Canons Cidy Ede.
April 22 1887

Prof. Marx

Dear Sir

Yours of Mar. 25 "found me in
pretty fair trim, and
ready to go to work though
if I had not been for
the fact that I had got
to sell-a good man at
work at once, or lose him
for the season I would not
have set in before May!"

He
has worked on the quarry-
(two years since) is a good
steady hand and with
him I can do good work.
The terms are fair but we care we should strike any good streaks of luck as on the first years work I might wish you to make a little extra allowance on some of the supplies especially the lumberfill which gets away with all my margin of profits.

Yesterday we uncovered where work was left off last season and we found everything all right and we can go on with the work and have it in shape to connect as well as formerly.

Please to excuse this small paper was entirely out before I knew I was short. I will write again as soon as I can obtain some of the "regulation" size.

Respectfully yours

M. P. Kel

P.S. My wife sends a few sunflower seeds to try in Conn soil.
Canoe City Colo.
April 10th 1887

Prof. Marsh
Dear Sir

In regard to conducting the work this season so as to get the best results for time and money spent— I may need some advice from you—but first you will have to know the situation and condition of the quarry as we finish it on starting the— and this I will try to give as clearly as possible.

The letter to understand what there is to do, I send an outline showing the little ground we have left, that is stripped off for working—ground that will not last two of us more than two months to work out of if we pursue the methods of working as formerly.

This unworked
Strip is all to the right of where SK II lay and is some 30 feet long, from four to seven in width and will average two and one half feet in depth.

It is in two separate lagoons some large bones among others a scapula that we are at-work on now in the upper one and the lower one being crowded full of bones just back of and connecting with groups No. 20 and 21 sent last fall.

Now what I wish to know is whether I shall continue on as we have for the past two seasons taking everything clean as we go making group join group as fast as removed or to push on till we find some continuous skeleton like No. 4 or 11 throwing all else aside and working out that of most value?

My reasons for this is from the fact that probably four fifths of our time have been
spent during the past two seasons in working out material that does not amount to much—unless that which is comprised in groups 16–20+21 taken out—with SK. 22 last year should prove of value on being worked out.

To work a quarry in this way is terribly slow and tedious—and but little ground can be gone over in one season—but what is gone over is thorough and nothing lost—whereas by the methods adopted the first year or can get over four times the ground—and strike the chance of getting a greater variety of material—though always at a risk of more or less damage.

I want to do the best all round—and get in as far as possible—so I believe as we go
in each the material will be better
and more of it - and we should
find more skulls in that direction
as I do think some are due, and
not far away.

Roughly there to come up
with shall we keep along as usual
on go ahead till we find something
of special interest?

Under where we are
at work and in the lower layer of bones
is more of the material such as will be
found in groups 20 + 21. Connected
with and continued on from these
two groups; there we had proposed to
work out so as to keep the connection
for I think when you work them
out of the "hollow legged" animal
there is not of interest - that there
are foot bones enough to pay for
saving.

I read the interesting
paper on Jurassic Mammals - should
have made a thorough hunt this winter
in the Criticisms for Mammals had I
not been sick. Respectfully.

Mr. P. Field
Canon City Colo
Apr. 24 1887

Prof. March

Dear Sir,

I have put off writing a few days; he hopes that something of interest might turn up to report - but we find only about the same condition of things as usual only that our long continued warm and dry weather has given place to a stormy one - raining or snowing now almost every day.

I will continue on as you suggest - as usual - and save everything as we go - but some of this upper layer that has been exposed to the weather so long is very rotten and hard to do much with.

W. H. stock

[Signature]
I found some two or three large vertebral - lumbar or caudals - and a large ilium in this upper layer besides the scapula mentioned in my last. The vertebrae will come out all right - also the scapula. But the ilium is going to be hard to remove as it is very rotten and is cremated in with other bones.

After this top is off, the lower strata of bones that match up to groups 26 and 21 of last year will come out better and I hope to find there something of more interest.

In regard to the skull of the big carnivores - I think if some of it is not found along side of the tail in groups 16 or 20 it is somewhere ahead of us in
wall where considerable stripping has to be done to reach it.

There were some singular looking bones in the same block—and in the blocks near where the posterior of jaw (right pre-maxilla) is seen in Gr. 20—and when you come to it you may possibly find some of the skull of this Carnivorous—or more of the jaw.

I pushed into the wall as far as I could last night in the direction where I thought this skull should be found, for we had found so much of the skeleton alongside S. 11 that I felt sure we should get a good specimen if fortunate enough to run across the skull.

I shall make a special effort again when we come to the next stripping off to find it.
I enclose the statement for Apr. so that if you wish to collect on vouchers monthly as last year you can send them on its season.

I have made the statement the same as last year so that if you can make me some allowance at the close of the season for lumber extra above 150 dollars that you will not be behind.

Respectfully yours

M. P. Field
Canea City Coce. Apr 20th 1881

Prof. C. C. Mark

To M. P. Kelch Dr.

To work on fossils, self help team and expenses at one hundred and seventy dollars per month from Apr. 1st to Apr. 30th inclusive $170.00.
Canon City Co.,
May 2, 1889

Dear Sir,

Yours with the
vouchers for April I received
yesterday - and return them with
this.

About the Tail in Sk. II if
not all found in Gr. 20 - the rest
must be still in the quarry or lost.

I know it went clear thru
the left end - since to the last blocks
on the backside of Gr. 20 although
rather the last it seemed to be
displaced somewhat.

In the wall when
we left off work there was no signs of
there being any more - and we supposed
it to be in whatever was sent on in Sk. II.
There was one pair of spines certain
in Gr. 20 - also a plate - both coming
near together in about the 2nd or 3rd
run of blocks from the front side of the
group - and though this was the last of
the plates noticed I thought there were
more of the spines farther back - but
may have been mistaken.

I am in hopes to
get you a Carnivore Skull before
the season work closes - if not here
back of where we are now at work
will try a week or two on the other
side of the gulch where Brown worked,
for he struck on to several dorsal
vertebral and some post-bones of a
Carnivore - of a type different from
either Ceratosaurus or Allosaurus.

Respectfully Yours

W. P. Fiske
Canoe City Colo  
May 12th 1881

Prof. Marsh

Dear Sir

Since my last we have been at work on something of more than usual interest to me.

First we struck me just back of where I took out some pelvic bones last fall, and I think we Gr. IX = on the right and back of Gr. II  Sk. II = and we here found three leg bones, two being the tibia and fibula, lying in natural position, with several other bones lying alongside—one of which proved to be a femoral bone.

Having in mind what you told me last season when you were here about an
unsettled point in regard to the feet of Sauropoda. I made up my mind to keep a sharp lookout here—knowing that we needed to find the feet here in the "East End" in place better than anywhere else.

On reaching the distal ends of the tibiae and fibulae (4 feet long) we found three in place, a large bone—probably a astragalus—next five metatarsals—3-4" and 5" in regular order—but Nos. 1 and 2 in place but-setting party on end attached to the distal ends of all but No. 5. Next were the next row of tarsals—one of them is outlined in the sketch enclosed. Next came three well defined claws—some small bones—also shown in sketch—which were probably in place of claws.

We have in all Eighteen (18) bones of the foot, and
I can make a diagram to show the exact position of all—Most are connected as will be found when you work them out—but the large claw and two that I called "terminal bones" lay but an inch or two away from the ends of the 2nd row of tarsals.

I think we have found all of the bones of one foot—but the calcaneum; that there are but one row of bones between the metatarsals and claws—and that the two outside claws are claws without much shape or form, however.

I hope you will find them to settle the point—for we have taken a good deal of pains to get them out of very difficult ground.
all being bedded in a soft putty like mortar—a very rotten while the upper portion was in a cement like rock without rift or seam and all had to be worked out separately with fine pointed tools.

The sketch I send is only a rough outline made by laying each bone down on the paper and drawing a penciled around it—but it gives the size and shape very well.

On Sunday if I can get some better paper will make a full sized diagram with exact position of all and mail it to you.

These leg bones are the longest we have ever found in the quarry and I have thought may belong to Diplodocus and if so you have the ischium and some other bones of the same animal sent last season.
Shall I receive a remittance by the 20th?

On the first of April we "turned over a new leaf," paying down for everything bought to see if we could not keep nearer even—and the plan works well so far—as we find a saving in making purchases but last month and this, in starting in we have a little more than the average to pay out and have about our oil—of money—though I had some 150 dollars come in for hog and other produce sold besides what you sent.

Respectfully yours,

M. D. Kelch
Came City Hotel  May 31
Prof. March
Dear Sir,

I came in to town this morning and find yours with checks enclosed. Comes in a good time and are greatly obliged.

Please find receipts enclosed.

We are getting along very well, but shall have to go to stripping soon - if this will write more fully soon.

Respectfully yours,

M. P. Hill
$150

Canon William Cole
May 31, 1887

Received of Prof. A.C. Heard for work on fossils. Self-help team and outfit for the month of April 1887 one hundred and fifty dollars.

Mr. P. H. Cole
Fellow June 6th 87
Sperm of Bird i.e.
Allosaurus Shel.
Canon City Colo.
June 6th 1887

Prof. Marsh
Dear Sir

We have all our clean up to the wall now and are getting a lot ready for shipment as you directed in your last. Now we have removed there is nothing certain that we can identify as belonging with SK 11 though at the point where it left off last season we carried it into the wall farther than any the rest of the work and in this lot tusk was put a short distance (little over than a foot) of ground more at that point that we could get all before striking the wall again.

All Y
the very large group that we have just removed that came just back of where Gns. 20 & 21 lay. We have found spines scattered all the way along - in one or two places coming in pairs - and at one point there are two vertebrae that may prove on working out to belong with SK.11.

All of these points are fully located on a diagram of the group.

We can also trace the big carnivores - and are working toward his head - have found the Ceracoid jointed to the Scapula which is in the wall ahead of us.

We shall probably have some eight or ten boxes to send in this lot - and we will get them off as soon as possible marked and directed as you ordered.
Types of new ventures found in last years.

Break of Break

If I put it another man this month, for half a month, we can carry it over until another month in the account - will do the best I can toward economy and at the same time push on the work to the best advantage.
In shall be ready to commence stripping off in a week or ten days if we have good luck.

I wish to get as much done as we can before the extreme hot weather sets in. For the open exposure in our quarry of white rocks makes it almost like an oven to work in at stripping off — and it is hard to find men who will work at it in hot weather.

If I put in another man this month, for half a month, we can carry it over until another month in the account — will do the best I can towards economy and at the same time push on the work to the best advantage.
I suppose you have received the vouchers and the oath.

There are no federal officers nearer than Pueblo and I had it sealed by the Dist. Clerk of Court - who takes evidence in land cases and who I suppose competent to do this.

I was in town the day that I received and retailed the vouchers and did not have time to make out a statement to send along with it -- but I suppose it will make no difference as the receipts for the money will do as well.

Respectfully yours,

W. P. Ford.
Canon City Colo.
June 19, 1889

Prof. Marsh

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 12th with check for May cause yester-
day— for which please accept
thanks, and the receipt enclosed.

We had the boxes shipped on the 12th, all
in good condition.

There were 14
in all—three wagon loads—between
4 and 5 thousand pounds—somewhat
more than I expected before packing.
I will send
on the list of contents of boxes
soon. Shall begin stripping to
morrow, and put on another
man. Respectfully yours,

M. P. Fleck
$170.00

Received of Prof. C. C. Marsh
One hundred and seventy dollars for work on fossils, self-earn and outfit for the month of May 1887

M. P. Hob