A fossil from the Yellowstone River with the compliments of Genl. Gibbon for Prof. March. It may not be much of a curiosity but Genl. Gibbon wishes Prof. M. was here to decide that question for himself & make his own selections from tons upon tons of such things which are found here.

J.C.

Camp mouth of Big Horn
July 16th 1876
My dear Professor:

Last summer while on the Yellowstone I shipped you two small boxes of fossils, sending them by steamer down the river with directions to forward them from Bismarck. Not having heard of them since I fear they may have miscarried, and should like to know whether or not they ever reached you. That region is a prolific one for your explorations, and now that we have just established here at the Indian War Office to be above your no doubt will feel tempted to extend your important investigations to that comparitively unknown region.

Yours very truly,

Prof. Marsh
New Haven, Conn.

John Cotton