New Haven, Conn., May 6, 1893,

Hon. W. D. Gresham,
Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of March 20, inclosing a letter from the Belgian Minister at Washington, relative to the wish of the Royal Academy of Sciences of Belgium to obtain several volumes of the memoirs of the National Academy of Sciences. This communication came during my absence, or I should have soon written in reply. It will give me great pleasure to comply with the wish of the Royal Academy of Sciences of Belgium and I will at an early day have the volumes mentioned sent to the Belgian Minister at Washington for transmission to the Royal Academy of his country.

With high respect,

Yours, very truly

President of the National Academy of Sciences.
Department of State,  
Washington, July 6, 1873.  

O. &. Marsh, Esq.,  
President. National Academy of Sciences,  
New Haven, Connecticut.  

Sir:  

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 6th last, promising at an early date, to send to the Belgian Minister, certain volumes of the National Academy of Sciences, desired by the Royal Academy of Sciences of Belgium.  

On the 10th of May, I communicated the purpose of your letter to Mr. Grant and by his note of the 5th instant it appears that up to the present time, no volumes have reached him. He fears that if sent they may have gone astray.
and asks regarding them.

Will you kindly advise me of the nature of a reply to be addressed to Mr. Le Chant.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]

[Appendix: Walter Quintin Gresham]
Professor O. C. Marsh,
President of the National Academy of Sciences,
New Haven, Connecticut.

Sirs,

Referring to your communication of the 6th of May last, promising to send, at an early date, certain books desired by the Royal Academy of Sciences of Belgium; and, to the Department's letter of the 6th of July last, to you on the subject, I have to inform you that the Belgian Minister states that up to the present time the books have not reached him, and he fears that, if sent, they may have gone astray. Will you kindly inform me as to the location of the books?
What action you have taken in regard to the matter?

Lam., sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

W. C. Green