May dear Sir:  

On the first day of this month, having entered your private room at the Peabody Museum with Professor Mendenhall in order to ask Professor Mendenhall to accompany us, I heard you tell the latter that you especially desired to be in possession of all facts bearing upon the subject under discussion, but that you could not promise to accept the advice which he...
had given. I knew nothing
of the matter under discussion
but had a perfectly distinct
impression that Professor
Mendenhall had failed to
persuade you to agree with
his views.

Yours sincerely,

Charles S. Hastings

To
Professor O.C. Marsh