Salem, Thursday 13th May 1867

O. C. Marsh.

Dear Sir,

Yours of 7th inst. is at hand acknowledging the receipt of a box of Montana specimens. I had about concluded they were lost by the way or not worth an acknowledgment.

I have quite a number of different mineral specimens left that might be of interest to you, if it is not improbable but I may send you an other box with a greater variety of minerals & petrifications. I also have some Indian curiosities, a Bow & arrows made of the horn of a Rocky Mountain sheep or goat & hawksbill which I will send with a new string, arrows &c. also
Some large flint spear heads, also asphalt made of Black Eulcanic rock formerly used as armor by Old Nogg, Chief of the Bannack tribe, who was wantonly shot down by the notorious Road Agent Buck Striman in the streets of Bannack without my offence.

I will in all probability return to Montana next spring to be at the Old Bone yard where I formerly the large Bone refered to, also the petrifier sent you, when I shall devote some time in research for animal remains. I also found portions of very large shells bones when there I think a little research would make important developments.

Yours truly

Reuben J. Johnson