Dear Sir:

I am under instructions to take an exploring party into the field this season and propose to make a preliminary geological and geographical examination of the country lying between the Big Horn River and the basin of the Upper Yellowstone, entering the latter region if possible from the east or south-east. The expedition is being fitted out under the auspices of these headquarters and will be well provided with escort, supplies etc.

I am desirous of having the expedition accompanied by a competent geologist, and have gone over the foregoing details with the hope that I might ex to your interest to the extent that you might be willing to aid me in finding such a person. I can pay him $75.00 and perhaps $50.00 per month, and will pay his fare from and to his home.
I expect to start in 3 or 4 weeks from now and will probably return not later than the 14th of December. It seems to me that this is a good opportunity for the students of science, and being desirous of developing information that is reliable and accurate, I throw myself upon your favor, feeling that your love for science will be my sufficient excuse.

I should return it a favor to receive any suggestions you may have as to the best help I can do for science in the region referred to.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant

Prof. C. Marsh
Yale College
New Haven
Connecticut

WM. A. Joyce
Captain of Engineers
Dear Sir:

I have in my possession a few fossils (teeth, jawbones, vertebrae, and scraps) which I found while making a survey near Fort Laramie. The circumstances of location being a little peculiar. I have thought they might be of interest to you and will forward them to you if you desire it. The spot is about 30 miles S. E. from Fort Laramie. I should judge it
to have been a small island at least
10 miles from the nearest shore of the
American Lake.

Very Respectfully yours

(Capt.) W.A. Jones

Captain Engineers

I have also some shells in what seems to
me to be quartzite, which I found in the Uintah
Wts. on the Sheep Creek trail about 16 miles from
Henry's Fort. As I was on your trail of the
year before, perhaps you have found the same
thing. W.A.J.
Ottawa 16th
15 Jan 13

My Dear Professor:

I have no...
yours of 26 Dec together with the
publication of pamphlets for which I
am greatly obliged.

The fossils went on per express a
few days ago. I hope they will reach
you in time. I have conveyed to the
house with the epizootic disease or
something very like it, a good deal
since my return from Salt Lake City
or I would have sent them on to you
sooner. I'll send mine on the same
just as known. So good by

Very Truly Yours

(Signed) W.A. Jones
Dated Washington D.C. 26 1874
Received at New Haven May 26
To Prof O. Marsh

Yale College
Communicate with Sheridan or Lurlow at Saint Paul Better
Sheridan

W A Jones

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Received at
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To
Prof. O. C. Marsh

Yale College

By rail Chicago to Lincoln
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W. A. Jones

10th May