April 23rd 1885.

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the President to thank you for the courtesy of your letter of the 21st instant and to express his regret that his official engagements will prevent his acceptance of the invitation conveyed therein to attend the meetings of the National Academy of Sciences during its present session in Washington.

Very respectfully yours,

Prof. O.C. March
President XII
National Museum
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