73 Harley Stree,  
June 21, 1892.

Dear Mr. Marsh,

Although it is now some time since I wrote to you, I have seen by your pamphlets that you have been doing good work in America in the study of the Tertiary mammalia in the far west, of the Mosasaurus and other reptiles of the New Jersey chalk.

I am now at work upon a new edition of my Antiquity of Man, & should be very much obliged to you if you can give me any information whether any trustworthy
evidence is forthcoming of the contemporaneous coexistence of the ancient man with the Mastodon, Megalonyx, etc. I have seen a newspaper paragraph referring to a paper by Dr. Fred C. Foster in the Transactions of the Chicago Academy of Sciences, Vol. 32, 2.

In the discovery of a human skull in the gold diggings of California, which he has referred to the period of the Mastodon antecedent to the volcanic eruptions which covered a great part of California.

Have you heard anything of this? I do not think there is anything in it.

As regards the mammoth man, I should be glad to know whether any further confirmation has been obtained of the antiquity of the skeleton.

I think I was told that some attack had been made on me for my scepticism in not having more fully admitted that that man was as old as the mammoths and other associated mammals. Some of these are of extinct species. It occurs to me that the gold diggings in California may...
very well have brought to light, as Stone-
where saw it asserted they had done, proof
of the pre-existence of man (if he was in
existence) to that drainage of the country
which belonged to the state of things which
was of older date than the present valleys.
In other words, if man was there before the
volcanic eruptions had poured lava into the
valleys of California, his remains would be
most likely to be found by the gold-diggers.
But unless the evidence is very good I have
to large a subject to deal with that I will
not enter upon it. I must beg you to excuse me
for troubling you.
Believe me ever,
most truly yours,
Cha. Lyell