Elkader
Logan Co.
Kansas

July 28th 89

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 14th to hand with thanks. Am glad you found something of interest in the few specimens I sent by mail. I will endeavour to find you some more teeth as desired. I found them on the Prairie, but close beside some chalk bluffs. I had a boy along with me when I found them and he picked up about 10 he is in Iowa now. Tell me if they are worth trying to get from him and what they are worth. I will write him about them. Have not received Dana's yet, but as soon as I shall get it all right in some of few days.

Enclosed you will find 75 Eading. I sent them away by U.P. Rail Saturday. The specimens were not posted as per your instructions.
pamphlet now—but I knew they will arrive safely, I could not manage to get cotton wood in but will buy and pack for the future as directed.

The large specimen I am sending I had stored away at a friend's home someone got into the house whilst they were away painting and turned my specimen all out onto the floor & broke several parts. I heard it was a party from Topeka specimen hunting; give specimen of humanity I should imagine.

The fan shaped piece I spoke to you about in my first letter is broken all to pieces but most of it I think is there. They took it from between 2 boards and I suppose let it fall; I made a mistake I see in explaining it. I thought it had a concave in it to match convex in smaller points. If yes, but find quite different.

I should be glad of a little cash as soon
as you get the boxes, if you can't tell what they are worth until put together, send me a little to keep the ball rolling, I had 15 hits freighting 52 tons 26 miles, so cannot tell when I may send more as I must get a larger load, or I'm afraid it won't pay. I want to get me another horse as soon as possible so as to save freight, and then I can get all over the country collecting. I bought me a good tent today for camping out so that when I find a good locality I shall not have the bother of driving home every meal time.

I have a lot more specimens ready to send but could not get the packing material until I hear from you. Please send me a little by return letter as soon as you get this.

I had great trouble in getting agent to accept goods to collect on delivery, and don't think I can get him
to take any more that you can
you make any arrangement with
him by writing him

I have several small things
I will send by mail this week
have you ever heard of found a
petrified feather, I heard of some one south of
one grinding on & in long & quite perfect
is it of any value if I can procure it?
Please write as soon as
you receive goods

Kindly

John Very Respectfully

Handel T. Martin

D. E. Marsh East

P.S. Please send more cards for melon and in boxes
H. T. Martin

Box 2

package 5 = Prime Y

package 6 = Fish (green)

package 7 = Fish (small)

package 8 = Fish

package 9 = Taurien C

Taurien (11) (good)

Taurien (2) only 2 were good

Taurien (3) (worst)

should be good but only feature

11 4

11 5

6 = hard fish

7 = few oysters
O. C. Marsh Esq
Dr. Sir

I have been impatiently waiting for several days to hear from you in regard to the specimens I sent you some time ago. I would like to know if you got them safely or not, so that if delayed anywhere I can send a tracer after them and find out where they are.

I have several other things ready to be sent as soon as I can get them ready, but cannot do so until I hear from you, which I hope to do in the course of a few days as I want to know if I am making anything of note. If not, I must look out for other work or somewhere else to send the things to. I had to pay out about $4.50 on freighting to town so, on the
Other things I cert. Then I bought me a good tent so that I could camp out & collect as that together I am short of cash. To mend matters my horse died Monday so that I am in a fix to get round & collect until I can manage to get me another.

The other day I found what I should think was a specimen of *Morosaurus Grandis* judging from your plate no. 1 in Dana. I have about 30 joints of the Vertebra already dug out. I *scapula* a meaning 15 in. in length, I what I take to be the ilium which is broken. Of course I can't say if it really is a specimen of *Morosaurus* or not. There are a lot of pieces shaped like and ranging from 14 in. long to 5 in. quite flat which look like as the belonging to Paddle *Plesiosaurus*. There are also about 10 flat pieces exactly like the carpal bones figured on plate X. Of book on *Mosauroidea* Reptiles the part I take to be a *scapula* is exactly like your plate of same in Dana but the working...
part on small end instead of being shaped. Thus worked more on one side like instead of on the end. The best are much larger than of the specimen I sent with sand almost flat. I don't know if you can form any idea what it is from my very imperfect description, but if you can I would like to know what it is worth about, so that I could form an idea if it will pay one to dig more of the hile down to try and find if any more. I worked for 3 days to get these as it was terribly hard work getting out. It is in a kind of layer of limy clay under a shale bank, and is hard to get down to. I can't say if there is any more or not-there but think there is.

I have also a specimen partly dug out of some large fish, I think. There is a part as near as I remember like but so fragile I uncovered and left it until I wrote and asked if you have any special way of setting parts like it on whole. It is so thin
Would passing brown paper firmly on it &
then digging under get it out- whole do you think
I have cut a better paws & a specimen

I also found a small piece of wood about
30 yards below where I dug out the specimen first
+ I think they must belong to it- will send them
by snail shortly.

I would like to know what you use
to cement broken parts together with. I could cement
many small pieces when they belonged if I knew as
some get accidentally broken

I have also a specimen with jaw
like Rhinoceros gig of plate III in small book
on crocodile but seems to be falling in pieces.

I find many pieces of specimen
points if well & where someone has taken the
head &c are such parts of any value.

Hoping to hear from you at

convenient

I remain

Yours very respectfully,

H[andel] T[M]art[on]

Prof G. G. March Esp.
Prof. O. C. Marsh Esq.

In Sir

Your welcome letter to hand today with best thanks.

My last letter I expect you would think almost rude. If so I trust you will excuse it.

I sent all boxes away same day and trust me this you have received same.

Will try and send you more in course of few days. Thanks very much for cheque enclosed.

Yours Respectfully

Handel F. Martin
Dear Sir,

Yours of the 30th August came duly to hand. You did not pay if the $25 sent was for the thing I have already forwarded you, in part payment for same. If you expected me to gather more to make up balance.

I had a gentleman to see me last week, in regard to my collection for him, but did not give him any decided answer, as I fully expected to hear from you saving full particulars about those already forwarded.
Please write me a return of possible and pay what you think they are worth, then I shall know how to treat with the gent who is collecting part of her.

Awaiting your earliest reply I remain
Yours Very Respectfully

Hendel T. Martin
Raven
Logan Co.
Oct 28 89

Prof. O. C. Marsh Esq.

Dear Sir,

Tours of the 17th or 18th to hand, with enclosed cheque for which accept my best thanks.

I have several specimens by me which I will forward as soon as possible.

I am thinking of spending part or all winter at Denver and in the Rockies. Could I do any collecting there for you and what specimens are most interesting from there.

Please write me early and say if I can do anything for you out in the work as I may probably go there about the middle of Nov. In the meantime I will forward you...
All specimens I have by me trusting to have from you shortly remain,

Your very respectfully,

Handel T. Marte

[Stamp]

H. T. Martin, Oct 28th, 1889.

$25 in red.

Dr. Li,

I have not as yet been able to put on the boxes of specimens but will do so in the course of a few days. I have two specimens of lizards partly collected and shall try and send them together.

Your Respectfully,

[Signature: H. F. Martini]
UNITED STATES
POSTAL CARD
ONE CENT

NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE.

Prof. O. C. Marsh Esq.
Yale College Museum
New Haven
Prof. O. C. Marsh, Esq.

Dr. Sir,

Enclosed you will find the list ofading for Bases of Specimens shipped yesterday from Scott City.

These are all I have by me except some part of fishers.

Please write me here as soon as you have examined boxes and found what they are worth.

I start tomorrow on a visit to Colorado and shall try and collect for you in the early spring, that is if I find from your reply that I can make anything at collecting.

I can find plenty of specimens but have not had a good chance to devote the time, care, and attention to collecting as I would be able to in the spring.

Please write me as soon
As you receive goods and say if there is anything coming to me as I could find it very useful just at present. I shall probably be back here in about 4 weeks and if fine enough weather will look up some more specimens for you.

Please tell me the name of species in large box, the large vertebra I mean.

Trusting you will receive goods in good condition.

I remain yours truly,

[Signature: Randall T. Martin]

Prof. O. B. Marsh Esq.
I have just returned from the Rockies and find no reply to my last. I would like to know if you received my last boxes of specimens forwarded from Scott City. Please write and let me know.

As soon as the weather permits, I shall be able to look up more specimens if you require them.

Please let me know about the photograph set. As I intend sending for a set, if you cannot send one now, if you will send me a good set I will collect sufficient specimens to pay for them in the new edition.
Came out yes.

Hope to hear from you at an early date.

I remain

Yours very respectfully,

Hendel T. Martin
Prof. O. B. Marsh Esq.

Dear Sir,

I have been waiting to hear from you for a long time now. I sent you some boxes of specimens about Dec 9th from Scott City, Kansas, and thought to have heard from you respecting them long ere this. I would like to know what the large vertebrae belonged to and if they were of any worth. Let me hear from you as soon as you possibly can, so that I may know what is being done, whether to commence collecting of or look out for something else. I have written you twice before regarding them but have had no reply, so thought
probably my letters had either gone astray or had been dammed with as I am in a new York paper you have had some trouble with some of the professors so I am requesting it so that you may get it safely. Please send one more envelope.

Yours Very Respectfully

Handel F. Martin
H. T. Martin Esq.

Dear Sir:

I have been away from home for some time, hence my delay in answering your letter. The boxes came during my absence, but I have just looked them over. Boxes 1, 2 & 3, contained vertebrae, humerus, c of Brimosaurus. Not well preserved, but of interest. These are the large distorted vertebrae with flat ends. You now know the horizon of this saurian and ought to get some more good specimen, especially the head and the paddles, which are most valuable. If you find a paddle make every effort to keep it entire or quite by itself. A good way is to paste cloth over it, or put plaster of Paris around it. It is worth much more if kept together than if the parts are dug out potato fashion and mixed with other paddle bones. Try to keep a head entire if you find one. Boxes 4 & 5 had Rhinosaurus in it & Box 5 Lestosaurus both more common than Brimosaurus.

I enclose a check for $25. for this last lot. If I find them worth more on further examination I will make it up on next lot. Can you get more of the Brimosaurus?
Letter of Feb. 27th, 1890 to H. T. Martin Esq.

You are in a very good region for fossils, and ought soon to get something important, worth all you have sent, and much more. Use greater care in collecting and keep all the bones together you can. Then I will try to give you regular work on the U. S. Geol. Survey, and perhaps come myself and show you how to find Birds & Pterodactyls which are plenty in your region.

Yours truly

Signed O. C. MARSH

Written in longhand
All corrections appearing in this copy appeared in the original.
Dear Sir,

Some of the 87th's hand and content noted. Thank you very much for enclosed cheque for 30 $-

I was glad to read I had found something of interest to you and will buy my records do anything you wish, and would be glad to get a position on the U.S. G. Survey, if you could manage to come out and show me about collecting and judging Birds. I believe I should indeed be pleased, then I would know how to go about it in a systematic way, and so be of use to you.

I will look over the ground and see if there are any...
more parts of the dinosaurs but I think I collected all parts, as soon as the person opens I will collect it and send you some more as I have about 5 located so far but have not been able to gather them on account of the old weather I will try and not collect them in potato fashion as you say. But will do my best, if I knew just how you go about the work I could do much better and collect quite a number.

Hope to hear again from you on the subject and trusting I maybe able to work up so that I assist you on the C. Sunny I remain yours

Very Respectfully

Hander T. Martin
Dr. Sir

I do not quite know how to use the plaster paris. I have two specimens of Saurians, small, but think I could get the head or most part of them if I knew just how to fix them with the plaster, I have one with the jaws in this shape [drawing], teeth uppermost in loose blue shale, no rock to get out with it. I have the other part of jaws out, am I do cover the jaws teeth and all completely with the plaster or only place it all around.

I have been digging over the ground below where I found the Bimoseans and have found 3 more joints of the vertebs and many small
I should be extremely glad if you could send me a few dollars to get my pieces, they have washed down quite a distance I was surprised to find them going on with, as I am getting a little away from the main parts. I may find lots more belonging to it yet. I have been working at the place 14 days, come out and show me how it the best way is to collect. So that I could put all my time in at collecting I should be glad.

I heard that Prof. West of the State University, a museum, would not have any out of the yellow shale. I worked from Wallace down the main last summer and got nearly to Russell Springs so that I would like to be able to collect properly and keep right off near the springs and to all the ground in as I work down. I may soon be able to send you something important and hoping to hear from you soon.
By return,

I remain yours

obsequiously

Stanley Y. Martin

($30 sent May 12, 90)
Dr. Sir

Enclosed please find bill of lading for two boxes of specimens. I thought I had better send one of these now so it will take me some few days to work out those I am now working on.

I shall have more to send in a few days and all being well and I hope good specimens.

Please send me another guarantee for payment of shipping as they keep the one you sent. Can't fail and I had difficulty in getting them forwarded.

Yours Respectfully,

Aronde V. Martin
P.S.

Please send me names of those I have marked plans wanted and sale for.

Yrs trly

J. M.
Geo. O. C. March

Sir,

Your letter of the 4th came duly to hand yesterday afternoon, in the morning I had a visit from the name of Mr. George Bann, he is located at Russell Springs, 24 miles W of here, before I got your letter he asked me was I working on the survey, I said no but thought I should perhaps get a regular work on the survey he says, 'Oh,' March would tell you he would give you work on the U. S. G. S. to try an' give you and collect for him never intending to give you
rattling round like a can of peas. She told me she had been in your employ as assistant for 6 years, and that your book of Birds was not written by yourself but by your assistants, and that now you had no assistant since he left.

Of course, what he heard from one just from New Haven must have a certain effect on anyone and yet him wondering if all is O.K. Since, but I have put my trust in you so far and as long as I see nothing crooked I shall continue to do so.

Anything you may ask me to tell me in regard to Barn will be strictly confidential. Your Respectfully,

Randel Strain.
I went on Two Brothers about a week ago, daren't you harm them? This, if so, please write me at once and say if anything good in them, Bramante West will be on the river in a week, from Lopuka with an outfit of swaggons & full camping outfit, but I think he is going W. from here.
Dr. Sir

Have you any small box by you, I could get out here, my tent ripped all to pieces last week, and I would like to camp out as soon as I can again, and cannot manage to buy me a new one just now, $10 would be ample large enough.

I found a small Brimoseamus I think it is getting tolerably well preserved, have only taken part of it out as yet.

Please write me by return and oblige

Yours truly

Daniel V. Martini
H. T. Martin  June 13  90

Naut's Tent
($25 cent $1.00).
COPY

YALE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM,

New Haven, Conn.

June 18th, 1890

Mr. Handel T. Martin is authorized to collect and ship fossils to the Yale Museum, and the freight charges on all such shipments by him to New Haven, Conn. will be guaranteed by said institution.

Signed O. C. MARSH

Written in longhand.
Dr. Sir

Your letter of the 19th to hand with thanks for it and enclosed cheque for $25.

I was up to Russell Gap yesterday and saw Dr. Banks. He spoke of going to Nebraska in two weeks; then he had a fair specimen of Laurianlike the one I sent in Carl Cott. The one I made sketch of head of. He said nothing good had been published on the head & no plates. Complete head been procured of the head, and that he thought the one specimen would fully repay him for his trouble and expense of coming out here, and that he intended studying it thoroughly this fall and publishing particular...
I shall not accept until I hear from you, what you will give me. Of course I shall want to know how you will want me to work time I all particulars, and how much you will give me before I commence regular work. I want everything straight forward and right so that neither of us can complain afterwards and the only way is to have a perfect understanding beforehand. Between no

I received the small pick duke, thanks very much. I had just had one made a little larger.

I don't know if I can get all cleaned up before the opening day but as I was away did not see him, he is coming again today, said he wanted me to work for him. Of course if he offers me a good price.

I do not consider the head near so complete as the one I sent you. Certainly the other is not. The coccyx and scapula were perfect as also the quadratae, all the vertebrae of neck were complete and were preserved but I saw nothing of the Pliocera.

He also had part of a Pleisodactyl, the principal bone of the wing and two claws, all about 24 inches long and were preserved. He wanted to know if I had a Pleisodactyl. Indeed see him, said he would give me a big price for one with skull in good shape.

I had Prof Bent down and
give me regular work, so that I could make my arrangements accordingly.

I hope you have got my last shipment by this, and that you will find something of worth in it,

Trusting to hear from you by return. I remain yours respectfully

Dandel. I. Martin

P.S. Please send me a supply of Boring Cards.

Small. Could you get me a copy of Hurley's work that I could study.
Dear Professor C. O. Marsh,

I am in the 10th year of my research. I have recently received a large collection of fossils that I would like to have a chance to analyze. The contents are duly noted in my records. I began working regularly on the 1st of July and have been very busy since then. I have made some fine collections, rare and good, and they are in fine condition. I think what I have collected since the 1st would fully justify my asking for a little help.

I have two good pterodactyls, one not quite as good, and four jaw specimens on the pterodactyl. I think I am as good as could be wished.
finely preserved, the other one is
4 ft. x stretched straight out,
the wing bones, not so well preserved
as not, but good, and I think
now I can find good specimens.
now I have got onto jumping mid.
Please say how we stand in
your next letter if we are straight
or how, and I will keep on at
collecting steadily from now
unless I hear from you. Ban
is in Nebraska.
Prof West is here and
hailes from Lawrence, I join
the 3 Pterodactyls on ground he had
worked over.
I think you will not regret
giving me a little more for a start
as what I have is much better than
I have yet sent in.

Wishing you a return
Your in haste-
H T Martin