DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
WASHINGTON D. C., Feb. 6, 1886.

Sir:

The Director desires to submit his Annual Report (1885-6) and accompanying papers to the Honorable, the Secretary of the Interior, immediately upon the close of the fiscal year. To facilitate this object you are requested to submit the administrative report of the operations of your division at the earliest possible day after June 30th proximo.

Papers for this volume should be in the Director's hands as early in the present fiscal year as possible, in order that any illustrations they contain may be properly inspected, perhaps redrawn, and in order that the papers may be properly edited. It is intended to limit the report to 500 pages. You will, therefore, please inform this office whether it is your purpose to prepare a paper for insertion in this report, or to offer any similar material prepared by your assistants; and if so, how soon the copy will be ready to place in the hands of the Director.
Inclosed is a blank to be filled out and returned to this office.

By order of the Director:

Very respectfully,

James R. [Signature]
Chief Clerk
Annual Report for 1885-86.

(Name) ..............................................................

Have you a paper in preparation? ..........................

What is the title? .............................................

How many pages of 600 words will it probably occupy?

What is the earliest day it can be ready? .............

How many single-page plates will it need? ............

How many double-page plates will it need? ..........

How many figures for the text will it need? ........

Have you any paper to hand in prepared by an assistant?

What is the title? .............................................

How many pages of 600 words will it probably occupy?

What is the earliest day it can be ready? .............

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

WASHINGTON D.C., August 3, 1886.

Prof. O. C. Marsh,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Professor Marsh:

Your portfolio of drawings for plates of the Sauropoda Monograph was duly received. In order that they may be properly entered on the records of the office so that we may know their status at any time, I should be pleased to learn the final numbers of the plates sent. As numbered by you, they are as follows: I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XIV, XV, XVIII, XXV, XXVI, XXVII, XXXI, and one plate unnumbered but marked "Apatosaurus. Dorsal. 1860".

The drawings for the wood-cuts cannot be entered at all until they are designated by some numbers, which I would also request you to furnish at your earliest opportunity, as I am desirous of transmitting them together with the plate-drawings to the Public Printer as soon as possible.
By order of the Director:

Yours with respect,

[Signature]

Chief Clerk.

(1523-1886)
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
WASHINGTON D.C. SEP. 17, 1886.

To the U.S. Geological Survey,
Division of Vertebrate Paleontology,
Prof. O. C. Marsh, in Charge,
New Haven, Conn.

Sir:

I send you by registered mail to-day from the Library of the SurveyBulletins15 - 21 which completes your set up to date. Please sign and return the card enclosed with the books.

In the absence and by order of the Director:

Very respectfully,

[Signature]
Chief Clerk.
Dear Sir,

Don't worry about the illustrations. Have the printer send a few extra copies for your

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

WASHINGTON D. C., Oct. 2, 1886.

Prof. O. C. Marsh,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Professor Marsh:

The eleven lithographic plates of Monograph XV were received from Mr. Crisand this morning and would have been returned, approved, through the Public Printer, but I find that plate XXXI was approved on February 6th, last, and returned on the 27th of that month; yet another proof was received with this lot. I call your attention to the matter for fear that two plates have received the same number. There is not a set in this office to which we can refer.

By order of the Director:

Yours with great respect,

[Signature]
Chief Clerk.

(2039-1886)
Dear Professor Marsh

How much of this will the 70 long

years? We are rather occupied and I

am dreaming of ordinary matters, before

this time.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Chief Clerk.
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

WASHINGTON D. C., Dec. 13, 1886.

Dear Professor Marsh:

In reference to the question of the storage of the fossils I beg to say I have arranged to place them in the Annex of the Armory Building here, where they will remain in safety subject to your order. Please forward the boxes by freight and advise us of the date of shipment.

I beg to suggest that you have the boxes numbered in plain figures from 1 to 72, and that a list be made and sent to us containing the number of each, and, as nearly as possible, the character of the contents. Such a list as this will, I think, enable us to identify at once, without opening, any particular box or boxes you might desire at any time to withdraw; and it will otherwise avoid confusion.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

Chief Clerk.

Professor O. C. Marsh,
New Haven, Conn.

No. 2387.
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

WASHINGTON D. C., Feb. 8, 1887.

Sir:

The Director desires to submit his Annual Report (1886-87) and accompanying papers to the Hon. the Secretary of the Interior immediately upon the close of the calendar year. To facilitate this object you are requested to submit the administrative report of the operations of your division at the earliest possible day after June 20.

Papers for this volume should be in the Director's hands as early in the present year as possible in order that they may be edited and that any illustrations they contain may be properly inspected and perhaps redrawn. It is intended to limit the report to 500 pages. You will, therefore, please inform this office whether it is your purpose to prepare a paper for insertion in this report, or to offer any such prepared by your assistants, and if so, how soon the copy will be placed in the Director's hands.

Inclosed is a blank to be filled and returned to this office.

By order of the Director:

Very respectfully,

[Signature]

Chief Clerk.
Prof. O. B. March

Geological Survey

New Haven, Conn.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the 72 boxes of fossils shipped by you on January 3rd were received and stored in the Armory Building the 8th inst.

By order of the Director

Very respectfully,

James E. Perry
Chief Clerk

Feb. 7, 1887
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
WASHINGTON D. C., July 12, 1887.

Prof. O. C. Marsh,
In charge of Division of Vertebrate Paleontology,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888, there has been allotted to the work under your charge the sum of $16,000, which amount shall cover all expenses of whatever nature connected with the work of your division and must not be exceeded. It is hoped that from this allotment there may be reserved a sum sufficient to enable you to place your parties in the field early in the ensuing spring.

In addition to such persons as may be temporarily employed by you from time to time there will be charged against your allotment the following salaries:

O. C. Marsh,
T. A. Bostwick,

E. H. Barbour,
A. Hermann.
You are authorized to make such journeys and order your assistants upon such journeys as may be necessary for the proper prosecution of your work.

By order of the Director:

Very respectfully yours,

[Signature]

Chief Clerk.
Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request of August 17 to have prepared one set of electrotypes of all the wood cuts made for the Sauropoda, I would state that I have attended to the matter and that they are shipped you to day by express.

In the absence and by order of the Director:

Very respectfully,

[Signature]
Chief Clerk.

No. 1629.

Professor O. C. Marsh,
New Haven,
Conn.
Professor O. C. Marsh,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir:

No acknowledgment has yet reached us, I think, of the receipt by you of the electrotypes of the 211 wood-cuts of Sauropod. If they were safely received please so advise us and thus complete our record of the transaction.

In the absence and by order of the Director:

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

Chief Clerk.

[Oct. 15, 1887]
Prof. O. B. March

U. S. Geological Survey

New Haven, Conn.

Sir:

I enclose herewith memorandum of receipt in duplicate of instruments purchased of Paul Bresler for your use, which please sign and return to this office.

Very respectfully,

James C. Reed
Acting Director

(2 Encl.)

Signed & returned the above Nov 19 1887.