New York Jan. 11th 1871

Prof. C.P. Marsh

Dear Sir,

Your letter just to me at this place just now. On my return to Normal I wish you the assurance of the warmth of the welcome as soon as I return to Normal. Must consult my own interests first.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Normal College
Washington, D. C., May 23rd, 1877

Prof. O. C. Marsh,
Yale College, New Haven, Conn.
My dear Sir:

If I remember rightly, you have written a paper on the exploration of certain mounds. As I am preparing a little volume entitled "A Handbook of American Ethnology," intended as a book of instruction for collectors, I greatly desire to read what you have written. Can you furnish me a copy of the above mentioned paper?

I am with respect,

[Signature]

J. W. Powell
Prof. C. L. Marsh
Yale College
New Haven, Conn.

My dear Sir:

I send you today eight copies of a report, just issued, on the Lands of the Arid Region of the United States, one of which is for yourself; the others, I beg you to distribute among those gentlemen who may be appointed members of the committee of the National Academy of Sciences to take into consideration the organization of a Bureau of Surveys. When that committee is organized, I hope to have the privilege of making a statement before it setting forth what I deem to be the proper organization for the United States Geographical and Geologic Surveys.

The facts relating to the physical characteristics of the country, and especially certain facts relating to the public lands of that region are set forth...
in the Report mentioned above. It would conduce to a clearer understanding of the plan which I shall propose if these facts were properly understood. I beg of you, therefore, to present to each member of the committee a copy of the Report and convey my request that at least the first two chapters may be read.

I am with great respect,

[Signature]

W. N. Will
Washington D.C.
Feb. 20, 1879.

Professor W. C. March
Yale College
New Haven, Conn.

My dear Sir,

Mr. Ting went south yesterday and I write you after consultation with him. The most vigorous efforts are being made by Mr. Haydon to get the appointment under the bill which is almost sure to pass. Can you not get letters from the Michigan University, Rochester, and from scientific and public men throughout the country in addition to what has already been obtained. Mr. Haydon is collecting from every source—Europe and America.

If your presence is needed here before Mr. Ting's return I will telegraph you, but will not do so unless the circumstances are exceedingly urgent. I hope you can prevail upon Mr. Porter to come down with you: it is very essential that he be here at the right time.

Can you not get the scientific gentlemen of Chicago, St. Louis, and Nashville to lend a helping hand?
I have written to various places over the country.
Let me urge upon you the most vigorous efforts in
the things above.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
My dear Professor:—

Your note of the 17th. inst. received this morning. —

King has returned from the West. —

Shortly after you were in Washington, I presented the case to the Public Printer. He tells me that it will be unnecessary to obtain action by Congress. — As the law now stands, he will be able to print and illustrate the reports of the Geological Survey. — So your matter will be all right.
I am with respect,
Yours cordially,
[Signature]
Director.

Prof. C. G. Marsh,
Yale College,
New Haven, Conn.
Yale College, New Haven, Conn.
June 4th, 1881.

Major J. D. Powell,
Director U.S. Geological Survey,
Sir.

I send you today, by Adams' Express, a box containing all the illustrations for my Volume on the Dinocerata. These consist of (1) drawing for 56 Litho-plates—seven of which are to be folded, and the rest quartered. (2) Drawings and photographs for 16 wood cuts.

As it is very important to have these illustrations engraved here, under my own supervision, I would respectfully request that the plate...
be prepared and printed by Mr. E. Bissand, Lithographer of this city, whose work may be seen in my volume on the Montserratia published by the War department last year.

The woodcut in that volume was made by Messrs. Hulson & Sherman, also of this city, and I should like to have the cuts in the Democrita Memoir prepared by them.

Trust this may meet you approve.

Yours very truly,

O.C. March
Mayor J.M. Powell
Illustration
Sent. June 4th 1881.

Democratic
My dear Professor:

I am preparing a circular of instructions to collectors of fossils, minerals and rocks for general use in the Survey. The parts relating to the invertebrate fossils, rock specimens and minerals are already in manuscript. There should be also a series of instructions.
relating to vertebrate fossils in your own department. Will you be good enough to furnish me the material? It should cover one, two or three pages of manuscript and include instructions for the getting out of fossils from the rocks, their labelling and packing and other admonitions respecting their care &c.

I am, yours cordially,

[Signature]

Prof. O. C. Marsh
My dear Sir:

The First Comptroller of the Treasury has rendered a decision to the effect that an employee’s pay cannot commence until he takes the oath of office. It will therefore be necessary for you to subscribe to the oath (a blank of which is enclosed) without delay before a duly authorized person.

I am, with respect,

Yours cordially,

J. W. Powell

Prof. O. C. Marsh, Director
OATH.

I, ____________________________, do solemnly declare that I have never voluntarily borne arms against the United States since I have been a citizen thereof; that I have voluntarily given no aid, countenance, counsel, or encouragement to persons engaged in armed hostility thereto; that I have neither sought nor accepted, nor attempted to exercise the functions of, any office whatever, under any authority, or pretended authority, in hostility to the United States; that I have not yielded a voluntary support to any pretended government, authority, power, or constitution within the United States, hostile or inimical thereto. And I do further declare that, to the best of my knowledge and ability, I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So help me God.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this ___________ day of ____________________, A. D. 188. { _______ }
Washington, D. C., Sept. 8, 1882

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

Sir:
The sum of fourteen thousand ($14,000) dollars is herewith allotted to the work under your charge for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1883, which amount will cover your salary and all expenses of whatever nature connected with its prosecution.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

Director.
Prof. O. C. Marsh,
Paleontologist,
New Haven, Ct.

Sir:

Your appointment as Paleontologist of the United States Geological Survey has herebefore been transmitted.

Your duties under this appointment will be the general supervision of the paleontology of the Survey and you will especially have charge of the parties making collections of vertebrate fossils, the investigations relating to vertebrate paleontology and the preparation of publications relating thereto.
Washington, D. C., Oct. 5, 1882

Prof. O. C. Marsh,
Paleontologist,
New Haven, Ct.

Sir:

Your appointment as Paleontologist of the United States Geological Survey has herefore been transmitted.

Your duties under this appointment will be the general supervision of the Paleontology of the Survey and you will especially have charge of the parties making collections of vertibrate fossils, the investigations relating to vertibrate paleontology and the preparation of publications relating thereto.
Your attention is called to the "Regulations of the United States Geological Survey," a copy of which is sent herewith.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

Director.
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

United States Geological Survey.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 5, 1882

My dear Marsh:

I send you herewith a general letter of instructions in relation to your work.

The method of doing business in the Geological Survey is fully explained in the volume of regulations and you will doubtless soon become so familiar with them as to meet with no difficulty in your transactions with the office.

The re-ordering of your illustrations, I believe, is all complete. There is a long history to this, which when we meet I will more fully explain.

The matter of which I especially desire to speak is this: After your last visit to Washington, in a further
conference with the Secretary, and Assistant
Secretary. I feared that I could not
get the support of the Department in
urging upon Congress the necessity of keeping
up the salaries of the principal assistants
in the geological survey, yourself included, but
this week I have had a long and final
conference with the Secretary upon this
matter.

The estimates for this year have been
prepared by myself and approved by
him and the salaries retained at the
old rate in the book of estimates
and the Secretary gives his hearty
endorsement to the matter. I shall
do my best to secure the proper legisla-
tion on this subject at the next Congress.

While the Secretary will indorse my
action, he does not seem to think it wise
He believes that a concession to the expressed wish of the Committee by reducing the six salaries from $4,000 to $3,600 would be the wiser policy, that that would abate any further reduction and prevent these salaries being decreased to $3,000.

I think I ought to inform you of this matter so that you will not be disappointed should unfavorable action hereafter be taken.

I am, with respect,

Yours cordially,

[Signature]

Director.

Prof. O. C. Marsh,
New Haven, Conn.
My Dear Professor:

I send you by mail today a package of proof of wood cuts forwarded to this office by Major Professor Sherman, with which object I do not know.

Statement in the as there was no accompanying letter. Will you please straighten us out in the matter?

If official approval is desired in any way I ask that you initial the proofs and that a duplicate set be sent us?
I would also ask that the originals be forwarded at the same time as they have the office numbered upon them; without them it will be difficult for us to keep our records straight. We will return them to you if desired. 

Yours, 

[Signature]

Prof. O. C. Marsh 
Yale College 
New Haven, Conn.
Dear Sir:

To cover the amount turned over to the Treasury by you, as per your letter of May 23rd, a further sum of two-thousand-dollars has been allotted to the work under your charge.

I am, with respect,

Yours, etc,

[Signature]

Prof. O. C. Marsh, Director.
Paleontologist.

New London,

(1018-1883-R.R.)

Dean.
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
United States Geological Survey,
Washington, D. C., June 5, 1883

Dear Sir:

The sum of fourteen thousand dollars, ($14,000) has been allotted to the work under your charge for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1884. This amount is to include your own salary and those of your assistants, and all other expenses of whatever nature, to the above-named date.

If possible, a reserve should be kept with which to place parties in the field during
during the coming spring.

Please furnish this office
with a detailed statement of
the work you propose to do
with this crew, said state-
much to include your own
salaries and those of your
assistants.

Recent departmental regu-
lations require all appoint-
ments in the survey to be
approved by the Secretary of
the Interior. In order
that this may be done you
will please furnish me with
a list of your permanent
employees, and, if possible,
the birth-place and present legal residence—Tower, county, and state—of each.

I am, with respect,

 Yours, 

[Signature]

Director.

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

(1018-8-R. 1503)
My dear Prof. Marsh:

Will it be possible for you to give me a paper on the Dinosaurus, or on any other subject you may select, for the Fourth Annual Report?

Your great success in the preparation of the paper for the Third Annual Report was to be very earnest in this regard.

All the other papers for the Fourth Annual are now ready.
Cardially yours,

W. \[Signature\]

Prof. O. G. Marche
New Haven, Conn.

[Note: Multiple handwritten entries on tape, including date and mention of action in Bolivia.]

Must Act on Bolivia.
[Note: Handwritten date, possibly July 30, 1883]
Dear Professor Marsh:

I send you today, by express, a box of material recently found in a cave in Tennessee. The remains are a mixture of human bones and those of some other animals. If your early convenience will allow, I would be grateful if you kindly devote a little time to their examination and inform me whether they are ancient or modern?

Yours cordially,

Prof. O. P. Marsh,
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
United States Geological Survey,

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19, 1883

Prof. O. D. Marsh,
Paleontological, N. Y.,
New Haven, Conn.

Dearest:

This office is in receipt of a communication from the Adjutant General, U. S. A., dated December 13th, in which he states that it is impossible to grant the request for the detail of Lieut. E. L. Carpeniter for service in connection with the Geological Survey, by reason of the decision of the Lieutenant General.
General, Commanding, so the effect that the detail desired would be a violation of law. This decision is sustained by the Attorney General of the United States in a communication to the Secretary of War, under date of May 21st, 1880, in which he gives his interpretation of Sections 1222, and 1224, Revised Statutes.

The Adjutant General very kindly suggests, however, that the same object might be attained by means of a leave of absence, to be applied for by Lieut. Carpenter. This suggested
suggested that you correspond with Lieutenant Carpenter for the purpose of ascertaining whether such an arrangement would be agreeable to him.

I am, with respect,

Yours, etc.

[Signature]

Director.