Dear Sir,

I received a letter from Mr. William Carlin tonight with your proposal enclosed and I must say it was not what I expected nor what you led us to believe you would do as we have put all confidence in you and now you have the advantage you do not seem slow to take it if you had not need so many bones nor learned so much of the ground. I think you would be more pay for what you get as to the value of the discovery in your proposition you put it at fifty dollars not more than if we count over labor and expenses any thing in your letters you said you would pay us and if we dealt only with you and in that we have complied to the letter.
you have now so many bones that
to another man it is of
but little value it is a very
poor way of doing business and
I do not approve of it but for
that I know you do not care
but upon consideration I hope you
will think better of it

I have rewritten Earlin to make a
contract with you for one year's
employment at figures stated in this
letter and work in old quarry till
further instructions please remit months
wages as I am in need of money now
as to keeping other parties out of the
field that we cannot guarantee but
will work for your interest
to the best of our abilities

your truly

H.H. Reed
I accept as per 20c. letter if agreement is made for one year.

W. H. Read

Forwarded from New Haven Conn.

17 Paid H&K

This telegram has just been received at the office in

Where any reply should be sent.

Direct Wires.
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Dec 26th 1877

Send the following Message subject to the above terms which are agreed to.

To W. H. Red. Cono. Wyoming

Agreement held one year. Tell Millubin that everything immediately.

Answer. Marsh.
COMA Station, Jan 7, 1878

O C Mash

Dear Sir,

I presume you wish to know what we are doing. Here we are still at work in gary hero and find bones very plentiful. Have taken up one femur and two pelvis. Bones will make diagrams of them tomorrow. Have taken up 18 joints of vertebrae. One small toe bone of these since Mr. Midleton left will make shipment the 10th. These bones belong to the same animal that were shipped last time. We will send small chart of the position.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

H. H. Reid
to act

shap where
last boneyer
taken up before

w. the left

North

West
Conne Station, Jan 12, 1878

O.C. Marsh. Dear Sir:

Your letter came to hand this evening with check for $480 and copy of contract the discovery and work done before any arrangement ever made. I had thought ever of more value than you put upon them but as it is settled now I will work for your interest to the best of my ability and I think I will prove to you that with my experience in the matter you will get all you pay for. I send you the shipping bill I have not sent the flat bones I spoke of in my last letter they are not what I at first thought them to be the portions that were sent when last letter sent were only part. The rest is a puzzle to me. The bones are in a hard lime rock and at the ends where first found looked like the flat bones.
This page is extremely hard to read, but the author appears to be discussing a process involving water and rocks. They mention turning and checking objects, possibly referring to geological processes. The text is difficult to decipher due to the handwriting style.
O.C. March

Dear Sir,

I have finished quarry No. 1 and dot all the bones packed and boxes on the flat form and they will go on the first train. I could make nothing of the flat bones they were in such shape and so much clay, placed but I have packed them the best I could. They the rest is mostly vertebra there is one toe bone and one good caudal vertebra and some fragments that belong to the last shipment. I shall open another quarry tomorrow, will write as soon as I discover anything.

I have examined what you seem pleased to call a contract and I do not see as there is contract about it. I may be very dull you seem to reserve all the privileges and by saying the bones are not well collected there by...
at any time after you have read the
lines you can leave us short a month
pay. I do not say that you will do this
but a man does not resolve
right that he does not expect to take
advantage of. Generally now what I want
is fair dealing. I expect to do the best
I can for you and expect to get pay for
my trouble and that part of the agreement
is a myth as far as I am concerned.
There will be no weather that will
prevent work as long as I am in charge
and I shall expect my salary promptly
you do not say whether you will pay
my expenses or not and say that

once yours truly

H H Reed
Dear sir,

I have spent new quarry 7/4 of mile west of quarry 111 and think it is going to be very good. The bones near the surface are not very well preserved but are getting better as I go in. The animal is larger than any from the old quarry. I have taken up five vertebrae, one of which measures 15 inches across the end. I have a good many fragments that were sealed near the surface do you want them? I have taken up one flat bone 3 feet in length and sixteen inches in width at widest place 4 1/2 inches thick at one end and 4 inches at the other. My bone is broken into large pieces and some smaller cumbels from the egg edge and other pieces lettered, I have found the end of another flat bone that seem...
To have bin in connection with this have not got the second one uncovered yet will get it tomorrow. The formation is the same as at quarry no 1. The vertebrae inside are all hollow with a network of bone and pieces nervey or quite the same as the old ones.

nomore at present.
yours truly.

A.H. H. Reed.
Dear sir,

Your letter came to hand the 28th.

I have as per my letter before opened the quarry back of the station but it is a failure. I have not taken out a bone since I wrote you only the two flat bones I spoke of. I have dug back from where I found the first ones 15 feet and each twenty feet remcut twenty feet. I found traces in every place but they were only small pieces and badly decayed. I think the bank at that place has at some time slid down the hill as there is no regularity about the formation.

Another thing that makes me think so is the two flat bones neither of them are complete and both from
Their shape and size I think they are one bone but lying 8 feet apart I shall work these one more day and if nothing is found shall ship what I have got and open another quarry yours respectfully

H H Reed
Comanche Station
O. O. March  

Dear Sir,

I have spent nearly no and taken up several bones that are very good and there seems to be plenty more some of the bones near the surface are badly decayed but I have correct diagrams of them all but the small vertebra in north east corner I think that belongs to a very small animal the vertebra are about one inch across the end and are hollow they are badly decomposed but they may be better as I get further in have not got beyond the frost yet found four flat bones as her diagram have made good diagrams of all and put them inside the package I think there are pelvis bones and the other may belong to the fore shoulder but I cannot tell if I had some books of plates on the
Subject it would help me considerably if there were some small bones near the vertebra one looks like a femur I shall have these ready to ship in a short time yours truly

W.H. Reed

P.S. send along some of the needful as I have to have some by the 20th of the month
Dear Sir,

Your letter and check came to hand this evening and was glad to receive them as I was out of money and in need of material. I have got quarry now and expect to spend the only trouble is there is too many bones. There is three different animals if not four. Some of the bones resemble those of a mammal and some vertebrae of a small animal about the size of the bones sent while revillon was here and have shipment ready. The lot of about 15 cent.

Yours truly,

H. H. Reed
Union Pacific Railroad Company.

Agent's Office.

Crmo Station Feb 15th 1886

O O Marsh

Dear Sir,

I got the bones down today that I had packed and boxed them and made shipment in the morning. I send you shipping receipt in this shall order some material this evening and shall receive of goods will forward the tiles. Shall have to get one new pick for the one Mr. Milliswore got is broken. Have mad diagrams of all the bones I could and they are in the packagewhich the bones

Yours Truly

H H Reed
Como Feb 19th 1848
E C March

Deacon,

I am in receipt of one book for which I except my thanks. The work is progressing well and the bones are pretty fair; they are very plentiful, but of smaller animals than any before taken up here. I found a head today, but the bones are so badly decayed that I am afraid it will not be of much use. The teeth are better than the best of it, they broken but may be good. I have mail diagrams of the upper or skull bone.
and part of it solid and very good. I think it was all complete and in its natural shape. It seems by the teeth that the jaw is not bone, but some substance that decays the teeth over in rows, but no sign of bone around them. See diagram.

I have taken up 20 vertebrae ones (Semur good) two flat bones, some small (hollow bones), some several, hollow several toe bones, and a good many fragments. All the small bones are well preserved.

I send bills for material with this please get the amount six months wages due 22nd Feb and oblige yours truly,

W H Reed
Small bones full of holes

Will send diagrams full size in two days.

Ribs, bones, teeth

Position of true vertebra
Coomo Feb 24 1878

Dr. Marsh

Dear sir,

I received your letter three days ago also a book for which I am very much obliged it is just what I wanted and I am well pleased with it.

We are doing very well with the bones. They are very thick but are all small. I found some large bones but they were all rotten while all the small bones lying with them are all in good condition better in fact than any before.
Taken up here I found a head but the bones were mostly very poor. I have made diagrams of all of them and will send them and the teeth by mail with this mail. I have a shipment ready in one or two days. The bones are so much smaller that it takes more of them to make enough for shipping and so consumes more time. Some of the head bones are good. I have them packed ready for shipping one where the head joins the neck vertebra is very good in regard to the fragments from quarry no one I will gather all I can to morrow. I was up there the 1st day and from the look I think I can get quite a load but the bed of the quarry is full of snow as soon as it melts can get a good many more.

yours truly

A.K. Reed
Como March 26th 1816

O O March

Dear Sir,

I have to say made a shipment of two boxes more bones weighing one thousand lbs. & two hundred lbs. from quarry no. 9. I found bones there that I did not expect to find. They were buried about three feet in dirt and ice. I think when it melts we can get a good many more. The snow is melting now every day. They were very hard to get.
and I have put them up in a lot with bones from quarry no. 8. They are in two
quarters of the quarry, marked quarry no. 1 in lot no. 29.

Quarry no. 8 is not as good as I expected. The bones at or within 5 feet of the surface
were all good but superior. Those that are the large bones were all butley. Decay of
while the small bones were all first class. There is a
quarry one hundred yards east of no. 8 that I shall try

Wm. H. Reed

shall not take up any more bones from

until I have

instructions from

you or until you

have received it

yourself.

in closed seals

find shipping receipt

your truly

Wm. H. Reed
Como March 4th 1878

Dear Sir,

I have this day made some new discoveries and send you all that I have taken up. I send them by express. The tines are very small and you will have to look very close or you will lose some of them. They are packed in calico and wrapped in paper. There is several teeth came of the saurian and some that are strange.
There is one that I have examined under the microscope for I was not sure it was a tooth before it is about this size and shape -- it is near the bottom of theسعقة and the cover marked the bones from what I can see look like those of a bird and if so I know they are very valuable these are all on the surface and in the same formation that all the rest of the bones are taken from there is one small vertebra in the also on the slab of the bones are some pieces of what I call fossil wood it comes from the clay formation the same the bones are in it is the first I have found so I send specimens I have also found a bed of fossil shells between the belemnites and the bones the resemble the shells of the modern clam I sent in the other سعقة by mail a piece of skull from the cretaeous with impressions of bones every small perhaps you may want them.
If so more can be found, none at present yours truly

H.H. Reed
Como March 18th 1878

Dear Sir,

It has been some time since I have written so I will tell you what we are doing. We are still prospecting and find plenty of bones but until then have not found any large bones that I thought would do for chips. Although some of them are very good and I think will want some of them when you come to see them. I have found a good many beds of small bones but have not taken up but one and not all of that. What we have got we will send you by express in the morning. There is also in
the finds are one small bone and fragments from older new quarry. They are all the small bones found there yet. Have found some vertebra of a large sauropod and some flat bones they are good. The vertebra are different from any I have seen before this quarry is farther from the station than any before. We will make a shipment in a day or two.

Yours truly

H.H. Reed

P.S. Please send check for the bills I sent you. Mr. Carlin has not read his check yet for time Feb 22nd.
Como March 21st 1878

friend williston your letter came to hand a few days ago and was very glad to hear from you I have had the worst time finding a good quarry that a man ever had but now I wish you ever here to see the bones roll out and they are the loveliest I think this quarry equal in size for good bones and game it crops out for 800 feet in length There is more than one animal it would astonish you to see the holes we have dug since we left now I think I took up ten thousand of bones some of them are very good and I think when marsh comes to see them he
He will want a good many that are laid out but he growled so about the last from no. 1. and 2 that I was afraid to ship any thing but what I knew was good but I can suit him with this if I don't get them mixed and I will stand not to do that. I have found a good many small ones but shall not take them up until he sends some one out or gives orders. The big storm you spoke of was not very bad here only part of one day and one night I was out till three o'clock and thought I should have to stay out.
I have got one of the queerest ventures that I have yet seen. I will send in this shipment and mark it plainly. For it is not from this glass. I say where I found it, nearly two days it is the prettiest thing I have ever seen yet.

What is the reason Prof. Marsh does not send over salary along with it is due he wants bones shipped promptly and has had them just as fast as I could get them and he must know that we are to work for money not for pleasure at glory. He would think it was a waste if we had a son.
of bones here at the station and delayed two or three weeks to ship them now the bones are not his untill the pays for them and when the month is up he should send the checks at that time) I wish you would do me the favor to find what his reasons are for delaying so long and let me know for if he is a fraud that we will cheat him it is time to try some thing else please let me know if you can and oblige yours truly

H. H. Reed

P.S. Found collateral in later all right
Como April 4th 1898

C. C. Marsh
Dear sir:

Your letter came to hand two days ago and was glad to hear from you. The small bones were found on about four square feet of ground if there were bones of more than one animal. They lay close to gather for I can see the bones sticking out of the clay but had not dug any as I was afraid I might damage some of them. We have found a good quantity now of large bones and made one shipment and have another nearly ready. I shall be glad when you get your men here as you seem to doubt everything we do and I do not like it
about the big storm there was
two day it was so bad we
could not do much out side
but was out and at work
til three o'clock the first
day and the second made boxes
in the freight room we
have a good deal of work
sundays and evenings which
I have not thought of but
you seem very particular
about this if you are not
satisfied when your men
come we will commence and
work ten hours for a day
that will suit me better than
twelve as I have bin work
ing for the past six weeks
yours truly

W. H. Reed
Como May 5th 1898

O C Marsh

Dear sir,
yours came to hand two days ago and was very glad to hear from you and to receive the check but was disappointed in finding only one for I had some bills to pay and wanted to buy a horse but have not money enough it would be to your advantage if I had one to ride as it would be faster.
Maneering the bones and I do not like to pack them on my back as I have done so far, if you will send check due April 22d you will oblige yours truly.

H. H. Reed

P.S. I find receipt for myself and Mr. Earlin Reed.
C. O. Marsh

Dear Sir,

Please send along some money as I am in need of it immediately. I suppose you are aware that the jaw of a small mammoth was found by me and I have collected all fragments that could be found in the same rock. I have also found the deposit of small bones and toe bones sent in last box. You are getting prompt work and good returns now. It would please me to receive the same from you in the shape of two cheeks due at this date.

Yours truly,

Wm. H. Reed
C. O. Marsh dear sir,

your letter came to hand a few days ago and I have delayed answering it in hopes to send some good news but we have field to find any thing of importance as yet we are getting a few good small town goods.

Truly,

W.H. Reed
Come Aug 23 1878

O C Marsh

Dear

As the work of collecting soils is ended, please send the balance due from May 22nd to August 6th as I must start for the East by the 5th of Sept and cannot go until it arrives. Please send it as soon as convenient.

I hope I have performed the work to your satisfaction for I have done the best I could.

Yours truly,

W H Reed
Como Sept 4th 1838

O C Marsh

Dear Sir,

I will try and please you once more. I have this day made a new discovery in the bone line. I have found an animal at orgear near the bottom of the jura in the same prison that the peelmints are in it as over one hundred feet lower than any thing yet taken up in these hills. I will send you a drawing of one of the vertebrae.
There are none any larger than this. I have found the head all here. The corner saw I have found no teeth it is apparently 18 or 20 feet long. The head is in good preservation and is imbeded in limestone and also the limestone has teeth and small shells. I have found twenty or more vertebrae and a lot of small bones which I take to be ribs. I have not found any evidences of any limbs bones yet the formation is very hard and it is slow work but I shall be done in two days when I shall start. \(\text{Date}\) the 16th of this month if you want these fossils please let me know and tell me what you will pay me for them. The bones are mine alone. Mr. Earle has nothing to do with them if you don't want them I will keep them myself. Please let me know by telegraph if you get before the 1\(\text{st}\) your truly

W. H. Reed
very creasy nearly

this knee

9064
the head is twenty inches long by 10 inches thick
Drawn by
Morton Frinkel
Como  Sept 9th  1878

W. M. Marsh

Dear Sir,

Your telegram has just arrived. You may be surprised that I do not act as you advise—but I think I have very good reasons. I wrote you the 25 of August for money telling you that I needed it at the 5th of this month that allowed 10 days for mail travel. It is now 16 days and no signs of anything in that line yet.
I have the fossils packed and shall ship them to my home in Nebraska where I shall go myself and shall have to beat my way on the RR for I have not the money to pay my fare and cannot get a pass you have probably never known the want of a dollar so do not know what it is worth to a poor man. That is the only excuse I see for you Mr. Earlin owes me money but says he cannot pay me until you pay him.

I have had a disagreement with Mr. Earlin and it is very unpleasant for me. There it was with regard to the last fossils found by me. He proposed to share them and I rejected I think now I shall keep the fossils for my own collection for I have always trusted everybody and find they all take the advantage of me even they get a chance. I don't know but I think you mean well enough but if you had to start out to get our
600 miles of railroad with $5 dollars and 7 cents. Her mile you would not blame me for feeling as I do today if you have not sent the money when this reaches you. Send it to me at Central City, Nebraska.)

Yours truly

H. H. Reed