Como Jan 3rd 1883

Prof. C. C. Marsh

Dear Sir,

Yours with vouchers here. I send them signed by this letter. The wives Kenney and Phelps are very uneasy and want to know what they are going to do if you want them in Colorado. They will both go if not. I think Kenney will go to Idaho and Phelps to Nebraska and it is very doubtful if you get either some of them to come back.
in the spring
Fred Brown hasn't been heard from for six
months and now no one here
knows where he is.
& T. Ashley is at
Bentton Station Y P K R
Wyo. Terr.
& Kennedy left here
and went upon the
Northern Pacific about
know his address.
We are having very
cold stormy weather
it is as hard as winters
as I have seen for years.
yours
Frederick
W. H. Reed
Comc Hyo Jan 24th 1883

Geo OC March

Dear Sir,

Your two letters came to hand this A.M. and I am very glad to receive the checks also the proposal for the men. I can't make work for them so they can earn the wages you offer and they will both stay I saw the dirt enough here to last us about 3 weeks and can get
more now I was up to No. 9 and worked two days alone and another day until weover two wagon loads of log dirt and I hope it will be better than this that I have got for I worked four days on this and never found a saw and it may come on weather so we can get out some homes at 13 we have had a very severe winter here & so far there is one hundred dollars your due from me you can take it out of the wages as follow & 15 of Jan. $25 of Feb and fifty of March I expected to have it taken out of your wages and wrote you to take it out there but it does not matter may be honest I did not want to wrinkle you out of it and am very thankful for the favor Biddlez is at Hulton stated U.P. R.A. Kennedy is one some of the northern of the railroad but where I do not know but will try and find out from the train men Fred Brown left
Golden, Col. Last July and no one has heard from him since. It is feared he is dead, as there was some due him at Stockbridge and he has never written for it. I think you could not do better than to give Kenny charge of one of your parties next summer. He is a good, faithful man and well-educated and will do well in either queer. He takes a good deal of interest in the work and
knows the Bones pretty well now there is one other matter to look at when I leave here I must sell this place and it would be to your interest to buy it for several reasons first you will want some place for your men to stop and there is every thing here that they will want there is a shop built of logs 16 x 20 feet square and well lighted and a good warm place to work in storms
or Bad weather... saw one stable (logs) room
for 8 head of stock
good corell one mile
of fence— one dugout
12 x 20 feet my house has 7 good rooms.
There is 8 springs of
pure water that
never freeze and it all
water comes to the
doors. There is 50 acres
of good hay land on
the place. I have spent
all I have made since
I went to work... $100
let me know if you
do or do not want it
as I must sell before
The first of Oct
No. 5

and if you do not want it I will advertise it there will be no trouble in disposing of it and if you want it you can easily sell it to stock men it is just what you want if you intend to work these quarries any length of time was offered $1200 for the place last summer when I did not want to sell J. B. Harnell can tell you all about it if you wish to inquire he saw it
Last fall and knows what it is. Please let me know as soon as convenient and oblige yours truly.

W. H. Reed

PS I hope writer to Rawlins to have those fossils sent here. R.
Comd Jan 31st 1888

Prof O C Marsh

Dear Sir:

This is the 3rd day of the storm and it is a buster. Trains are all abandoned on the U.P. R.R. and I don't know when this evil will stop. I got the boat from Haskell on the wreck of it. The bones was put in a common packing box with no branding or stays and when they rounded it out of the car...
It fell all to pieces the bones
was in sacks so none was lost
I mad a new box and put the sacks in
just as they were I don't think there
was any pieces on the bones as they seemed to
grind in the sacks but I did not unwrap
them for fear I might
mix or slop some damage
to them? I said the
fright from Rawlins
there it was 78
Can you send Kenny
one of those Daniel
Geology's he wants one
and will make good
use of it yours truly HHA
Come Feb 12th 1888
Prof W C Marsh

Dear sir yours of the 12th last receipted. Thanks for the check I send Bill. Next week I send list of property in my possession there may be some items I have not thought of. If there is any thing I will find it when I look tomorrow and turn in over it. There is any thing you think of please mention it. I bought 3 new overcoats last spring when I expected to put on more men and have
never charged them up
also two picks
there are forty-four picks
and six shovels if you
want them at the
price I paid devil
turn them in if not
it does not matter
The shanty is here on
my place you can
move it away any time
before May 15. I will of
course reserve it when
I make out the papers
to transfer the place.
I have advertised my
place and Buyers are
pleanty. The land is all
taken up at the station
where water can be
had you had better settle your men down on Rush Creek at the old camp. I sent two cans to R.C. to register a week ago.

Kennedy is broken this road again a letter addressed to E. Kennedy Laramie City will reach him.

Yours Truly,

W. H. Reed
List of Property to deliver 1st of April 1853

1. Ambulance
1. Hall tent, 10x12
1. Shanty 11x14
1. Anvil
1. Bellow
3. Small picks
2. Large picks
3. Shovels
1. Sack rapers
1. Bunch envelopes and can wrapers
1. Old sheet from stove
Cord March 1, 1888

Prof. W. March

Dear Sir,

I have got a letter from Fred Brown. He says he wrote to you a long time ago and sent some fossils he found down in the Brimmeron country, but he never heard from you. His address is now in Tularosa, New Mexico, B.T. & S.T.R.R.

The snow is melting some and I think we will be able to get out to rodeo in a few days and get out.
Some few dirt we are
nearly cut now and what
we have is of no acer.
I have thought of one
thing I did not put on
that list of tools
that is the wheel harrow
I send with the bill
for Feb

yours truly
H.H. Reed
John H. Reed

Schochet has been receipts of money paid by March to Reed
(includes supplies and labor directly Reed).

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During, 1880 $2,543.

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I. J. Reed

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1880, $1,254.19
1881, $1,177.19
1882, $1,607.19
1883, $1,917.19
Como March 20th 82

Prof O C Marsh

Dear Sir,

I rec'd yours with check a few days ago and have been trying to hunt up those cans I have written to Rock Creek but can learn nothing. I will go down there in a day or two and look there myself. The bot you have read is it is the Lamott fossils. I wrote you and sent Shipping Bill when the bot went.
I will write again as soon as I can get down to Rock Creek for I want to make a bargain with you for fossils in the picture. I shall have a little spare time this summer and I shall spend it hunting bones with our friends.

W.T. Reed
Coms April 2d 1888

Prof OC Marsh

Dear sir,

yours of March 27 th

to hand I turned over
the tools and material
so Kennedy this
morning. I did take
receipt for them
but suppose it will
be all right he will
send you a list of
the property if there
is any mistake let
me know and I will
right it for I don’t
want anything
that does not belong
to me.
I may stay here till the 15th and if I do I will do what I can for the men if you wish to communicate with me at any time a letter addressed to come will reach me as my family will stay here til the 15th of May. I send the March Bill with this you had better send the check to Kennedy as I may not be in til the middle of May and the men would not want to wait that long for this money. It may be that I shall dig a few bones this summer and if I do...
A. Shirley Basin  
March 12th 1884  
Prof. O.C. Marsh  
Dear Sir,

It is about one year since I wrote to you and you did not answer my last letter, and her hop you are angry at my leaving your in high, but I cannot help that. I have had bad luck in my Ranch business and shall go to collecting fossils in the spring. If you want me, with immediately what you will pay me and one man I will furnish team and
hauled the fossils to Medicine Bow Station. I do not propose to go back to Como, for I have found a better field that has never been over. I found and marked 8 sauropod last summer in riding over this locality and plenty of other Bonas. Please let me hear from you as soon as convenient for I want to come work as soon as the weather will permit. I have written to other parties as I don't expect you will want me and I must have a job from someone, now.

Post March 21, offering $85 per week for empty except tamping malted box, at postage $50 for Mann.

Mr. Geo.

Respectfully,

[Handwritten text continues on the right side of the page]
Department of the Interior
United States Geological Survey
New Haven Conn.
Washington March 21 1884

Dear Mr. Reed:

Your letter of the 12th inst. has just reached me - I am sorry your Ranch matter turned out poorly but I am glad to have you in the same business again.

I wrote you last summer directing my letter to Rock Creek (which I thought was your P.O.) but I got no answer. I don't remember getting the letter you speak of. I have had nothing from you since about the time you quit. I shall be out myself this summer and look over all the grand and lay out big plans.
for work. If you wish to begin at once [April 1st] you may do so. I will allow you $85 per month for yourself, outfit and $50 for a man if you can get a good one. I will furnish packing material, boxes &c. and expect you to furnish everything else. When I come out I will try to make arrangements with you for permanent work as I need more men on the Geological Survey. If you collect I wish you would take plenty of time in getting out the fossils and make diagrams of them all before taking them up. Most of the work at Como was done in a hurry, and we are suffering greatly from the effects of it now. The Big Skull you took up in No. 13 was the best job on skills at Como.

In Southern Colorado, my parties are doing wonders for stencils already and two or three complete skeletons. I don't have many bones as before but I want them taken up much more carefully, and all pieces saved. Half our Como Bones are of no value for want of a few small pieces. Telegraph me or write after what you will do yours truly C. D. Marsh.
I certify this writing to be a true copy of the original letter now in my possession.

Michael Henry

My Letter

Yale College Museum
New Haven, Conn.
April 16th, 1884.

Dear Mr. Row,

I wrote you march the 21st that I should be glad to have you collect for me again but I have had no reply from you. I made you a very liberal offer but we know some of you would accept your string.

C. C. Strong

A true copy of original
Sherley Basin April 8th 84

Prof. C. C. Marsh

Dear Sir,

I read yours of March 21st yesterday. I cannot telegraph for it will be two or three days before I go to the H. R. K and I do not think we can make a bargain for several reasons. I do not want to haggle over the matter you have not made me a fair offer compared with what you pay others as for instance, you & Kennedy. The same you offer me, and she has
nothing to furnish except his own labor, my may be a better man at the business than I am, of course you are the judge of that, and I have nothing to say. This I do do one for all I can do better with other parties, and as soon as the weather will permit that commence next week. I am very sorry to say this, but cannot help it, for I must do the best I can for myself, and it would be here foolish for me to commence work for you and expect to get any raise of wages in the future, for as you can see by looking over the old bills my wages have always been cut down instead of giving up as other men have. That is what discourages me and by it I have made my decision.

Yours Truly,

W. H. Reed

Carbon Copy.
Sherley Basin May 17th 1885

Prof. O C Marsh

Dear sir,

I have just read yours of the 18th and there is some matters in it that I do not understand. Now in your letters of a year ago you wanted me to go to collecting and said you would pay me a good salary and I went to work and worked 4 months and myself and 2 men reaped $800.00. Then I had to raise $400.00 and wrote
you my case and think
I explained why I wanted
it. Then you sent $150.00 that
was part of the $800.00 I have
mentioned) and said you
would be out good
just at that time a
part of English men
were along and offered
me $400. for my services
for the month of Sept.
and I went as any other
man would under the
same pressure. In the near
time you came out, saw
the men at work and
directed what to do. Now
they were at work in
both large and small
bones and I was shore
would soon fired some
trace of mammals but
failed. The indications
was the same as no. 1.
at Com.

I did not expect to pay

those men wages why did you tell them what to do or why did you not stop them.

You know I never agreed to work at piece work.

I had enough of that with the first Sauranodon. Perhaps you have forgotten the matter so I will explain.

You will remember I was not at work for you when I found it but was out with Dr. Backard but took up the bones and went to expense as follows:

- Number nails and paper $5.20
- Freight paid from Com. to Central City, Nebraska $13.85
- 8 days work, Carring and diggin $2.40

Boyes

4-81 B
How do you remember what you paid for those fossils. First an even $40.00 not one cent more, and I haven't your letter and telegram addressed to me at Central City telling me to ship fossils at once. I will pay all they are worth do you think you did? I don't. This is the only thing you have ever wronged me in and in that you can plainly see I could never make a living to collect and ship fossils and take what you felt disposed to pay me. Not took up 8 Sayanodon's in October last year, and the boys have found & avork this spring and one of them is different in some respects.
from any I have seen before, as the vertebrae are longer and not so concave as in others, and there is some bones that look like this about 24 inches long. They are going quit in pitch as soon as they have these bones sacked away. Now I want you to tell me plainly what you will do. Some one has got to pay them either you or me and I think I have lost enough or in other words I am willing to loose the 8 months I worked except the $800 that would be $60.50 per month have you known that I can
always go on the R.R. and get $75.00 per month. Please write me what you will do in this matter. There are five Sauanodonos taken up since the first of October and there are about 8 tons of other Sauanodon bones taken up before that time and all are at your orders. Please dress my letters to Carbon Wy.

For it is seldom I get mail at Med. Bow.

Yours Truly,

W.H. Creed
Bone Camp in Strype and Hills
May 20th 1884
Prof O C Marsh

Dear Sir,

I received your telegram the 15th and have been in camp here with two men since the 1st of this month collecting fossils with very fair success. I am at work at both large and small bones have been found a few jaws and some very good large bones. I have not taken any large bones from the quarries yet but am trying to make some good drawings of the bones and uncover as many as possible at one time and then take them away in order as they lie in the ground. I have not made any bargain with anyone yet and
and shall not until I hear from you again or see you but that must be soon for I must have money to help the fruit farming. I prefer to work for you if I can as well as with others for you understand me and I understand you. This is a grand fossil field much larger than Como and different in some respects the sand is very not so black the saurornithes much beds much thicker with but few belemnites while shells are very plentiful of the Ostrea family. If you are not coming out soon please write what terms you will give for I should like to make some shipments before the high water comes and what one or from the R.R.

Yours Respectfully

H. H. Reed
Director Carbon Mfg.
Freeport May 31st 1884

Express for month of May

Wages W H Reed $85.00
- A E Reed $50.00
- A B Kelham $50.00

Paper and Skein Sacks 5.60

$190.60
Freight out June 31st 1884

Expenses for month of Jun

Wages H H Reed $85.00
--- A E Reed $50.00
--- A B Heklan $50.00

$186.00
Fayette M. S. July 28th 84
Prof. O. P. Marsh

Dear Sir,

I read your letter with check for $15.00 for which please except thanks that letter must have bns lost for a month for I crossed the river and enquired for mail several times and it did not come here till the 14th and you may well believe it was very welcome for I have lost everything I had of the floor I am the poorest and am in debt besides and think I shall lose my team if I do not
rais some money some away and I want you to loan me $400.00 till next summer and take it out of my wages then if you want me to work for you I am ready to agree to work for 5 years in the fossils. Please let me know if you can help me any in this way as soon as possible for I do not know what minute the sharks may come down on me.

We have got a good lot of bones ready to ship at any time. I have been looking for you out here all the time but failed to see or

Here from you before can you get a D. Hurd to from Carbon on that I ship the Bones to Como and have them shipped from there. I can put a board on over the address that can be taken off if that is the way you want it done.

The Bones are of both large and small dinosaur, one large one is different from any thing I have ever seen. The femur is 5 feet 7 inches long and the shaft is very small and thin. I thought at first it was Stegosaurs but I
Can find no dermal plates or spines. I have made carefull diagrams of every thing we have spend a very extensive small about quarrey, but have not found any jaws yet but find all of the other things that we used to find in no 9 at Combe we can cross the river at any time now, so let me hear from you soon I will send you with this the expense Bills for the past 3 months and put in my wages as you offered in the thing yours Truly W. H. Read Carbon
Freely out July 81st 1884
Expenses for month July
Wages W F Reed $85.00
--- $ 5.00
--- $ 85.00
Packing material 8.40
$19340
FREE OUT MT.
Dec 26 84
Prof O O March

Dear sir,

Please tell me why you do not answer my letters if it is because I went with the hunting party please say so at once, you are very well aware of my reason for going. I wrote and told you I had to raise $450 dollars in September and asked you to loan me the amount and you said wait till I come out here. You did come and if I had bin there...
of your getting here in time I would not have gone but that money I had to have and in that way I got it now what is to be done I want to pay these men and that as soon as possible for they want to go east till spring and in the mean time I want to either make a bargain for work with you or some one else before spring opens we have one good sauuranodon out but shall not take it to the RR till we hear from you and we know where there is some more and

would have taken them up if we had heard from you before the last storm what's the reason we must deliver the bones to Mr Taylor Pleas write me as soon as possible and tell me what the mater is and send Benn and B B Kellem some money send the checks direct to them at meat town and oblige yours truly

W H Kellogg
Shirley Basin April 3rd 1882

Prof. O. C. Marsh

Dear Sir,

I now write to you for the last time till I hear from your brother and Kellogg. Commodore moved the first of this month and will work all summer on the Bones. They will work at first on squarango, deer, and bear them up as fast as they are taken up and ship them in store on the R.R. If you want what they get let me know before the first of May for then I
then I shall try to find another market for the Bones, and after I have commenced to make a bargain with other parties there will be an end of our dealings.

yours Very Respectfully

W.H. Reed
Carbon

Wyco Terra
Sherley May 20th 1881

Prof. O.C. Marsh

Dear Sir,

I send you by this a vertebra of the animal mentioned in my last letter, the bones look very much like sauropsida - but they are from the saurano
don-beads. The Bluff is like this sandstone
saurano-beads

and the formations are impressed place and well marked and ammonites among the bones.
yours truly

W.H. Reed
Shirley Ranch Nov. 28th 85

Prof. C.C. Marsh

Dear Sir,

I am informed that you are again back in Yale and I will write once more and hope you will give me a plan answer in the last letter you try to make it appear that when we made over last bargain the fossils was to be collected and shipped to you to be examined then you was say what they was worth and I think you must have forgotten for