East St. Louis, Ills. July 17, 1876

Dear O. B. Marsh,

During the last year I have succeeded in collecting a large number of Missouri Indians. There are over 60 in number, since 30 perfect except for maxilla, come to with entire also 2 whole skeletons except a few phalanges, and 3 children. Here is small amount of pottery and number of stone implements. Need some money. Where can I find a purchaser? Will you take trouble to let me know if you can sell entire collection of only skulls. Will furnish with entire data. Please answer. Immediately.

Yours respectfully,

[Signature]

East St. Louis Packing and Provision Company.

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PORK AND BEEF AND DEALERS IN PROVISIONS,
PACKING HOUSE AND OFFICE, NATIONAL STOCK YARDS,
Prof. O O March

Friend,

We have started an Archaeological Section of the St. Louis A.C. Science. Can you not furnish us with some of your and other publications that would be of interest.

By the way since I saw you two years ago, I have collected over 100 Cremas of Mound Builders one of my associates Prof. Potter has about 1200 pieces of Pottery and about 60 shells and our section now have something of a collection of Mound Builder Remains and Tools. We have also several complete skeletons of Mound Builders.

I am hoping to hear from you soon.

I am Yours respectfully,

W. A. Richardson
East St. Louis, Ill
St. Louis, Mo. March 27, 1877

Prof. O. R. Marsh -
Friend.

Will you be kind enough to furnish me with copies of your Memoirs for the Museum of Sciences and arts here and the Archaeological section. I would like two copies, if I am not imposing too much on your kindness. I will send you shortly some photos of a number of Mound Builders Shells I have. Hoping to hear favorably from you soon I am yours respect-

E. A. Richardson M.H.
Room 201, Merchant Edlay
St. Louis Mo.

I can put you on track of several complete Mound Builder skeletons if you wish to buy them. Also I can give you from my collection a number of bones of the same but-
No complete skeletons.
St. Louis, Sept 1

Pstr O. C. Mandt.

On my way from Nashville I saw a lady who had a collection of curiosities of letting as good as I have yet seen. One is an animal of some kind on four legs, one a fish on a pedestal, one a larger statue, and three more large statues. He wants 50c if you wish to send for them.

Yours truly,

F. A. Richardson
528 Olive St.
St. Louis, Mo.
Prof O. B. Marsh.

Have now only 45 Shells and 20 pes pottery and some flints. The shells are the best ones sold only the poorest. Will take $250 for the lot. Do you wish to purchase or have of a purchaser? Would like to collect for you in New Mexico Territories can you make me an offer. You know what sort of collector I am if I spend my whole time at it.

Yours respectfully,

Fla Rich Aikenson
520 O line St.
D. B. Owens
Mrs.
St. Louis, Mo. Oct. 17, 1877

Prof. O.C. Marsh.

Received your address. Delivered at Nashville. On page 53 I see you are in favor of the idea that the Mound Builders and the South American Indians of Ancient Peru were to a great extent the same. Also the Moquay. Five years ago I read a paper before the Chicago Academy of Science claiming the same thing. My friend C. Foster said I was misusing, also the other old Foster. Well I am very glad you give me one lead of hope. I have now two perfect skulls something like this nude but will show you some thing of a side view. As we can collect any number of Mound Builders, London. I hope if you can make it an offer to devote my
time to it this winter as I am going to take a tramp.

Yours respl.

F. L. A. Richardson
520 Olive Stet
St. Louis Mo.