Hilgard, Wyoming Ter.
April 22nd '75

Prof. Marsh,

Sir,

I take the liberty of addressing you a few lines to call your attention to some bone or petrified remains that I discovered last summer in South Western Utah. They are of very large size and are probably the remains of a Mastodon. As they were on the borders of a desert and we were suffering for the want of water, I didn't stop to examine them beyond what could be seen of them that were on the surface. Those that were on the surface were more or less broken but I judged they would be found in a more perfect condition by excavating a shaft or pit, by so doing I would
expect to recover a great part of the skeleton;

My object in writing is to sell you these remains, or to secure employment to get them out for you. I would undertake to get them out and deliver them on the Rail Road at so much per pound. Or I will get them out and prospect the country for fossils generally, by the month for a fixed salary, you to bear expense of freighting to rail road.

The country in the neighborhood of the desert of Utah and Nevada seems to contain fossils in considerable numbers,

Should you feel inclined to purchase a note directed to the undersigned, will be gratefully received.

I remain
Your humble servant
J.P. Robinson
Hilliard, Wyoming Ter.