Major J. H. Powell,
Director, U.S. Geological Survey,

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th inst., transmitting 66 pages of the Tenth Monograph of the U.S. Geological Survey, prepared by Prof. O. C. Marsh, with the request that I receive the electrotype plates in lieu of or as the copy therefor, and that this office pay for them what it would cost the Government for composition and stereotyping, less ten per cent.

I have given the request careful consideration, and with a desire to accede to it if I could find any law or precedent that would warrant me in so doing; and I sincerely regret to say that I cannot satisfy myself it would be in accordance with law.

The law distinctly states that all the government work must be done in the
Government Printing Office, and as the composition and electrotyping is just as much a part of this work, as the presswork and binding, I fear it will be a violation of law.

It is a new question, and I can find no precedent that I could safely follow, but on the contrary, it would establish one that might be taken advantage of by other Departments, which might reasonably ask the same privilege and thus cause much trouble.

I have the honor to be,

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Public Printer
Washington, D.C.
Dec. 30, 1884

Daniel Printer

I acknowledge receipt
of the Monograph in
enclosed. The director in case of a
reduction of plates being
required by him or his
agents, thereby for a
suitable mode of payment
of the same.

Dec. 31

Respectfully referred
to Prof. U. S. Harlan for
his information and
advice,

under order of the Director

[Signature]
Memorandum of Estimate given to the Public Printer, February 20, 1884.
for 206 Plates.

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Prices for Drawing, Lithographing and Printing:

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**Total** $11,900 00
Sauropoda, 47 quart. Pt. for Printing 3,000 cop. each at $25 p. 1000 3,525.00
47 3,000 40.00 4,920.00
47 Vertebr. of 2 stones Restor 3,000 70.00 2,100.00
$9,075.00

Stegosauria, 49 quart. Pt. for Drawing & Lith. at $85 each.
9 d 170.00 1,530.00
2 large, equaling 8 quartos 85 per quart $680.00 $637.50

Stegosauria, 49 quart. Pt. for Printing 3,000 cop. each at $25 p. 1000 3,675.00
9 d 3,000 cop 40.00 4,080.00
2 large equaling 8 quartos 70.00 $420.00
$5,175.00

Total Amount for Draw. Lithographing and Printing
Dinocerata, for Drawing & Lithographing

Sauropoda 11,900.00

Stegosauria 9,075.00

Total cost $43,528.10
Office of Public Printer,

Major J. W. Lowell,
Director U.S. Geological Survey.

Sir,

Referring to your favor of May 19, 1885, stating that there had been transmitted to this Office the stereotype plates of the text (pages v to xxviii and 1 to 224) and explanation to Plates 1 to cvi) of Monograph of the U.S. Geological Survey by Prof. O. C. Marsh. and that said plates had been turned over to the survey as a gift without expense to the Government, I beg to say that this Office accepts the same with the understanding that no obligation against the United States on account thereof will be incurred by so doing.

Very Respectfully,

[Signature]

S.P. Round
Public Printer
Washington,

Dec. 7, 1885

Dear Sir:

Government Printing.

Accepts conditionally stereo-plates of Monog. X.-Marsh. referred to in Director's letter of May. 1886.

Dec. 9, 1885.

Respectfully referred to Prof. O. & Marsh for remarks and return.

By order of Director.

Samuel Piling
Assistant.