East Hampton, Mar 20th

Prof. O.C. March

Dear Sir,

Several days ago I sent as per request an Essay Photograph to your address by Express, not having heard from you since I wrote thinking possibly you might not have received them.

I have just received a letter from the man in Conn who has the Wampum and am in hopes I shall be able to get it. He inquires for any works on the Edges of Conn. Can you furnish anything if I can use it as an Exchange, and if so, what?

Yours Truly,

H. M. Rust
Boston April 12th 1871

Prof. Marsh,

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to forward a collection of Peruvian Relics from America 89 units below St. Louis. They were taken out by a spray man here last fall. They consist of Pottery, Bone, Hulls, etc.

The vases are six in number and I enclose to give you an idea by drawing as follows: [Drawings by L. W. E.]

One of them has a stone tube jaw—about 3/4s bone, several have been engraved for different purpose ornaments etc. Their shell, corrost, and with drawing, 3/2 is very improved into a part of the drawing remaining. The sound arch and a part of a similar section from special destined in black lines. The shell much wasted. About 100 small pieces of weapons in 24 snares arrows; 1 plumb 0.

The pottery is very desirable and the whole lot may be had for $35. I have held them at $50. and $35. so as low as he is willing to sell them. I have written in refusal of them until Saturday next. If you wish for them please advise me immediately by telegraph.
at W.S. Hotel Boston or ye can write direct to Mr Chandler which may he best
I will be pleased to loan all them if ye do buy them I am so busy now I cannot write as fully as I could wish. I wish I could go when they are taken out and try to find more.

Yrs Truly,

A. W. Rust
East Hampton April 17 71

Prof. C Marsh

Dear Sir,

Saw you a few days ago, I wrote you from Boston about some Indian relics. I was there upon some railroad business and was very much occupied and wrote to you post haste. I left the city the same day I wrote you unexpectedly. I came home I have not been able to write until now.

I shall be pleased to know if you do anything about purchasing them. I do not know what you may think of the price. I decided to write you anything about them. He first price $100.00 and I think $130.00 as low as he would sell them.
I am confident they are a very desirable lot, if you should think not best to do anything with them Jgarr will one and I will offer them to Dr. Hitchcock of Amhurst. I hope one to send you in this tomorrow the Photograph.

With best regards

H. W. Rust
Boston July 24th 1873

Prof. Marsh

Dear Sir,

I have just seen two collections of relics.

One consists of 20 pieces of Pottery from Missouri near St. Louis. I cannot learn to-day just the locality but can soon. about half the are open mouths two or three small bowls. The balance are emblems in the usual form and all are very good.

This lot is left here to be sold at 200.00 with orders to return the same if not sold. I call them a choice lot.

Lot No. 2 consists of those beautiful flint and spear heads, with axes I believe from Dornack, Sweden. I think we all foreign and a very choice collection. There is a Catalogue with drawing of each piece in good shape. Price 30.00. Gold. I know nothing of the value of this class. The lot 60 or 78 pieces and all good price. I judge on.
Boston

a carefully selected collection

The Patent has only been here but a few days

the Foreign one seven months

I enclose Mr. B's card who has the Relic

I shall be here two or three days and may be until Saturday. Unless you wish to write one direct message

of Friend & Sweetser. Unless you wish Mr. B will send

you the Catalogue of the Foreign Relic.

Perhaps you may think best to come another time.

I have received the Suggest I spoke of it on and am

waiting for a small lot of other matter. I send with

it. A letter will always reach one at Easthampton

Respectfully Yours

F. W. Rush
East Hampton Aug 20 '72

Prof. C. A. March

Dear Sir,

I send you a list of such Indian relics as I have been able to get together during the year or more passed. I have kept a memorandum of locality &c. as far as possible and have got them all ready to sell if you wish them. I think I have a desirable lot. The arrows are not such a lot as I let you have before but as they had been deteled from many hundreds there are a very good lot. I think somewhat. One will measure 32 inches in length and is a good one. The other one common one is split lengthwise. I should call it one half only. The Feuks & Chiefs
are a good average lot.  The Mac. is the smallest one.  I have seen the Huts. or Hetchets an all the best.  Two Pounds of some flinted stone with indentation on each side.  It would like a better name for them.  One long Pointed Stone different from anything I have seen is quite black and Pointed.  The Image is very good about eight inches high.  GK a bust figure.  The Cup. and glass.  Smaller.  Very nice.  But still Indian. I have no doubt as it was found by a farmer with several Pieces of Soap Stone Bowls in an Indian locality.  The Stone Bowl an not good one is about 8 in wide and new only about 2 in deep.  The Edges having been broken down.  The Neck was never agreed only very rudely wrought but whole and smaller than just named.  The third is only in half of a Smalls but very good one.
Thus I have endeavored to give you a correct idea as I can of the lot I do not feel that I can sell them for less than 125,000.00 to accept it do still I will say to you as I always have to Dr. Hitchcock if I am at high day as and we will not differ I find it more and more difficult to get these things together and if I had no love for them beyond the cattle I should never have done. I am obliged to pay more than ever before and have run a great many miles to find them.

The goods is from the same lot of the one got in Boston a plan is but very perfect one. Please let me hear as you earliest convenience.

Yours Truly

W. W. Rush
Wilton N. 26. Sept 33a

Prof C. C. Marsh
Dear Sir

Your favor sent to E. H. reached one in Boston. I have instructed my son at home to pack and send the relics as soon as you arrive when at home last. I marked each piece or lot with the locality as far as I knew which comes nearly all. I wrapped them also so that I could order them if I wish. I am intend to be home next Sat. I have just learned that some of the relics have been taken out of a mound of Oyster Shells on Salisbury Brock and if possible I shall get some piece. I am now hoping to get two large Stone Polis from there I think I am sure of them.
One is a very fine one that will weigh about 100 lbs each.

The wampum which I had read to hope for before now still hangs I hope known to get it yet.

I find it now very difficult to get even what I can find in these parts so many people are now enquiring for them.

The farmers often charge me one cent than I charge you so I have to learn soon. Then just turn a little paper a fraud I am confident.

I am next going through Vermont and if you know of anything you would like to have me look after please write.

Respectfully yours,

W. M. Rush
Prof. Marsh

Dear Sir,

I have just found a lot of Cherokee Indian Pottery. I have found a piece and sent him the pieces and help to get some more pieces. I wish you would write on what you know about this class of work and how it may be for secrets. I have also seen a wooden vessel which the family had (with the Rattle a splendid one) more than 100 years and they had it painted for an Indian family. I have also heard of a large Rattle with a face on it. The other end is carved or embroidered about rice shells. Then I hope to get. I have also seen Mr. Clark's collection in New York and got a list of them. He said you wanted to buy them but he would not sell them. I endured to show them that I had better
all them and I think we'd an impressed. I knew
entirely to try and help to get a job which you may
think best to pay. He has some desirable things and
all from 17 Island. From him I may give a list
I will buy and go the ideas for them
sometime ago I hope me to go home next Monday
and hear from you then.

Respectfully yours

H. M. Rusg
Easthampton Sept 30th 72

Prof. O.C. March
Dear Sir,

I am very much pressed for money and having depended upon recovery from you, I feel obliged to request that you send it at your earliest convenience. I go away to day and if you send draft please make it payable to my son Frank W. Reed so that my family may use it. Please excuse my haste.

Very Respectfully, Yours,

W. W. Reed
Easthampton Oct 8, 72

Prof O.C. March

Dear Sir,

Your favor was duly received, corn just in time to reline my needs. Please find enclosed reports and accept my thanks.

I am quite anxious to learn about the Cherokee Pottery and am very hopeful that I may get another piece. May I hope to receive an account of your Western Journey other publications. Have you ever got an Indian mortar of wood? I hope I may get one having learnt of one beside the one in Clark's Collection.

Yours Truly,

W. E. Rust
Mom of James H Clark: Indian relics
5 Pipes, all ancient - 18 Beads
25 Chunks
8 Adze
2 1/8 Harnesses
1 Small Stone Bowl
6 Piro Beka Bolos
1 Wooden Mortar 2 1/4 Juan de 4 Florida Arrows
350 Arrows
1 Stone Face
15 Long Arrow Spear
12 Curious Ornaments
9 Iron Tomahawks
Modern Image on Pago Head (rubber, furs)
Bast of Beads & Wampum and about
150 Piro, mostly broken Arrows.

This lot Mr. Clark has not offered for sale
but I think may sell if he can get a
large price. I would like your idea of their
value and I will try if you think best to induce
him to sell.

Rush
MOORE & RUST,  
Central Warehouse,  
(Site of Old Empire Warehouse,)  
South-West Corner Rush and Kinzie Streets,  
Chicago,  
Oct 25th, 1871

Bof. O. O. North  

Dear Sir,

Enclosed I send a picture of a footprint made in a kind of sandstone found in Kansas. I have no doubt the impression are genuine, but how great is the antiquity of the stone, is a question I cannot answer. The Tracks are here in the city and if you have any interest in them I will be glad to assist you in any way I can.

To my nearly two years since I left Map and I have gathered only a few Indian relics since I came here. I call at the store just before I came this way but you were not there. I believe, feeling under obligation to you, I hope some time to be of some service to you, should be very glad to see you when you come this way. I also enclose Photo of a Shell found by acquaintance also his letter to me.

Truly Yours, Horatio N. Rust.
Prof. O. C. Marsh

Dear Sir,

You will be surprised to receive another line from me. I suppose as I have already written you twice, you will not expect another reply, but I cannot refrain from writing at this time. I want to tell you of a collection which my friend James Perry of Berepoo Corn has been making in Southern Cal. He is on his way East and has just shown me some very interesting and to me wonderful specimens. He has about 100 pieces of stone pottery, and a great many other matters most of which he has dug himself. Such a wealth I never dreamed of. I think now is a favorable time to induce him to do something for Cal. I don't see how he can do anything which will be as likely to be satisfying to himself as in some way to deposit his collection in your cabinets. I have not seized much on what you said about it, but enough to lead me to think...
That you can do something with him worth doing I believe you have never met him, but he will call upon you soon I think. I am to give him a letter of introduction to Dr. Hitchcock, but I know that you can do better with him than anyone else. I thought I had better say what I say for you in my own way, then and do not claim much equal and with you. In this way, I will do all I can to induce him to see you and encourage him to do a grand thing for Yale. I have no idea what you can do with him or what he wants. I hardly think he wants money at all as he has all he needs. I suppose that after the Smithsonian Fund has nearly all of this class which has been discussed, you will find him not like anybody else but a Yankee dressed intelligently and sharply but honorable genius and mainly a really good fellow you can trust him anywhere and not be disappointed. I would not like to have him know I have written you in this matter as he may safe to make you acquainted in his own way. But it may be of some service to you to know he is with you attentively.

Truly yours,

Horatio N. Rush
Prof. O. C. March
Dear Sir,

I have just returned from a trip to Mo. where I went to open the Grave of the Mound Builders. I have been more successful than I had ever hoped and have brought him over 500 good specimens of Pottery. I had several men digging for one and have been at this point in my investigation as circumstances would allow. I have never seen descriptions of such a varied collection as I have, statues with human Face, open dishes with representation of Bird, Boots, Fische, and animals in variety. I should be glad to show you what I have as I suppose it to be a very remarkable discovery. I enclose a view of a few pieces which will give you an idea of the lot.

Truly Yours,

Horatio N. Rust

I shall probably dispose of the lot when I have a satisfactory offer and shall be pleased to hear from you if you wish them.
HORATIO N. RUST,
Central Warehouse,
COR. RUSH AND KINZIE STREETS,
Chicago, July 13th, 1876

Prof. C. Marsh
Dear Sir,

I had hoped to hear more from you about the Pottery before now. Do you intend to come this way soon? I believe it is worth your time to do so if you can. I suppose you will ask what is my price for the collection I really do not know what to say. I have two good specimens that I am not in a hurry or eager to learn all I can of the subject having been there twice and deep as carefully as I could. May I not hope to hear from you soon.

Truly,
H. N. Rust
Horatio N. Rust.
Central Warehouse,
Cor. Rush and Kinzie Streets,
Chicago, July 14, 1876

Prof. C. L. March
Dear Sir,

In your June 30th you say,
please give me refusal of the sale.

May I ask if you intend to come this way soon or how shall we bring about the sale if you want them? I wish you could come and see the collection. I shall dispose of it as soon as I can do it satisfactorily and should be pleased to have you have it.

Ferry and myself have a misunderstanding about this matter and he may have spoken to you about it. I have the whole correspondence and believe this is mistaken. My intention is to do only what is right and as I agree to do. I offered to buy a lot for him if he could send over the money. He did not send the money and I bought it on my own. I shall let you hear as soon as convenient and other.

Horatio N. Rust
July 29th, 1876

Rufus C. Marsh
Dear Sir,

You of July 26th is just at hand and I was in hope you would be in Chicago as I would be very glad to show you what I have and tell you more than I can write.

I have been here to look on purpose to get the relics and to learn all I could of the site, shape, and location of the mounds & graves. I carefully watched the men in digging to save even little pieces which gave evidence of having been worked on used. I find Mica, Galena, and small smith stones only to dig arrowheads, a few stone tools, a few Camel bones, some small animal remains in a vase I judge used as a food container. From these I found several varieties of shells, animal and human, on pieces of rusted native copper and ornaments. I judged this to be all I found except the pottery, and I knew these few shells only. The grave I found was scattered over a tract of many acres and in some
cane, oak, pine & fir in diamonds and三菱
dwell, one the remain a ditch is still visible
on the side of the principal mound and all in
pause when I should not venture again in hot
weather. I need not lose any of my of the difficult
insecurity these things among a half civilized
people who had rather stone or more than
work. but I found them quite formidable.
My plan now is to photograph the lot
as well as I can so you may have some idea
of the condition they are in. I am at a loss
I know what to say about this. I do not
want to ask too much but feel that it is fairer
that I should be well paid for what I have done
than we could we can agree about it. My choice
is that the collection go to one place and I should be
pleased to have it in New England. when I am acquainted,
may I ask what books I can read which ones give
me what information is of the Rock Builder. I have
your Dr. Davy's Treatise only. I was even in Michipl
spring and yet his children broke from a home near Grand
Rapids. I very much want to see you. Tell you just how
I found children and I know if they are square, firm or taken over
or disorder. I notice that in all the diagrams and confirm ther...
won out to put something near the head of each person. How you think they died from climate or I judge they are not killed in battle. Did some disease change, change, then was who died they seek the swamp in preference to their place or near. Did you ever drive them into the swamp and keep them there until disease or starvation destroys them. I am inclined to believe later in the event the enemy would be likely to carry off their western line defense. I have about 20 large discs, something like a spear head of Third force in one defeat in this state. The public mind is near the eye and ship they win all need to gather with every man.

I am much occupied but will reply as soon as possible and send you copies.

Ruly Your,

Heret W. Rust