Evanston Station, July 18th

Prof. O. C. Marsh

Dr. Sir,

I shall ship you tomorrow July 11th by Express a box or 2 of fossil fish insects and plants including one large fern or palm leaf. Please do the best for me that you can as the lot has cost me a considerable sum of money. I send you a choice lot of large fish something which has not been found before in size or perfection. Please answer this soon as you receive the above shipment and let me know in what condition they arrive. Here is what you think of my plan of packing them.

I shall have to pack the fern in a separate box as it is too large to put in with any others. Please let me know soon as you inspect them how much you can give & I can see if you can give enough for me to clear myself as I have been getting them out.

I remain respectfully,

A. D. Hovey
99 small fish
3 medium
4 large
3 insects
3 plants
112 specimen.
Evanston July 24-77

Prof. O. C. Marsh

Dear Sir,

I send you today by mail registered the only fossil specimen that ever has been found in this section, and shall endeavor to get more or another. Unfortunately, and finding for you that can be found or within my power to get.

A. Shorowake

P.S. have to send by express could not get it registered to day.
O. C. Marsh Esq.
New Haven

Some time ago I sent you a lot of specimens of fossil fish, fine ones in fact the pick of a large number asking you to let me know what you were willing to give for the lot wishing to know if you could pay the cost of their return as I deduct so much from the proceeds for my trouble besides advancing provisions to the men. I also sent you the only fossil fish that has been found here, but have not heard from any of them. If you do not wish them let me know and I will through your kindness have them shipped to another party wishing them.

I remain Respectfully,
R. J. Schoonmaker
Conductor U.P.R.R.
Evansville