Julietstburg, Colorado
Aug. 7th 1874
Prof. D.B. Marsh
Dear Sir,

I am writing to inform you that Mr. Clifford, a brother of yours, has arrived here to say from the Republican Country. We have been in search of bones he discovered quite a large deposit of bones along the Republican River, but did not find any bones to amount to any thing in fact we never found the site of six solid clay washers in these washes we found quite a number of broken bones all seemed to be well specified but the buffalo are in them.
Almost day and night and sun gone and things that have been to pieces, be concluded to make our way northilly strike in about the head of Lawrence Fork which empties into the north Platte River a catch towards Horse Creek and Fort Laramie Colo the Indians are hot to have some we may go as far north as the head of Pine River and Rivanna.

Send us a few to go on directions where and how to ship, as I have almost forgotten the direction, we will not cross north Platte River for two or three weeks more, will be back to point on the C.P.R.R. again before we do cross if we cross at all.

Yours Respectfully
A. S. Shelley
North Platte City, Sept 4th, 1879

Schoff W.C. Marsh

We shipped three boxes of boxes from North Platte this morning. We could not get any boxes at Gulesbury. I did not hear from you when I wrote to you from Gulesbury. They are shipped first class freight prepaid. We did not go any further than Fort Washita, on North Platte River. We may take another trip this fall up into White River Country. Yours truly, T. F. Shelley

Address
Stock Pile, Frontier Co
Neb.
Jurisdiction Co.

Oct 26th, 1879

To: J. B. Marsh

Dear Sir,

I just now received your letter dated Aug 21st. The agent tells me it only stayed in the office five or six days. I shipped the boxes as you directed. I packed them as well as I knew how in cotton and hay and wrapped the boxes well with iron hoops. I did not have another. They reached Yale safe on but. The agent at North Platte I think is rather a careless fellow and very little accommodation.
About him I could have shipped three boxes from this place but could not get any boxes. I and Mr. Clifford are on our way now after some more boxes. Will stay in the country between North Platte River and White River this winter. My Post Office Address will be Sidney U.P.R.R. Nebraska in care of H.C. Clifford.

Yours truly A.J. Shelley.
Stuckville, Nebraska
March 9th, 1876

Dear Friend,

I have a few specimens of bones which I collected in different parts of the country. Amongst this outfit is the lower jaws of nine large animals. I think an Elephant. Both jaws are whole and together. With the teeth all in it. If innumerable, I took these things in its North Platte. The other day, I intended to ship them to you, but I did happen to have ready cash enough with me to deposit with the Agent to prepay the freight. I had to have some responsible person to guarantee that these things would be received all right on prepaying the freight. I tried to find out how much the freight might be, but he could not tell me. I did deposit several times as high as $10.00. When the freight did not amount to more than $8.50. I did stop the ship but left it in a safe place until I got to the Platte again, it would be well to make arrangements with the Agent here to have the Superintendent at Atchafalaya to instruct the agent to let Yale College freight pass without prepaying, but I do not think I will ever ship much here from this point. I would like very much...
to put in the Corning Grandmae Hunt.
Jeeils in the Northern Country. Th
North Platte would not be the shipping
point. Bone hunting is quite interesting
in fact it is as exciting to me as good
hunting but the trouble with is is to get
anybody to check to it any length of time
before I close I will thank you
for the Book if you send me last spring
remain your jew as ever
A. D. Shelley

Address
Stock Bille, Lemhi Country. Pa
it is rather unusual to accept a letter a letter
to this office unless it being regulated
A. D. Shelley
I expect the Indians will little trouble in this coming summer. The Big Head on the Hidarska you speak of I do not know the spot but I think I know the region it is in. If you wish to get any fossils from that country I mean the Snake River and Hidarska country, and the country between the Hidarska and White River and as far below the mouth of Snake River as you may direct me to go, I can take a six weeks or two months hunt with the help of two or three more men. I will be able to start out about the middle of May and perhaps not until the
Last week in May, I will take two teams and hunt during the month of June and July. I have to take a trip to the state of Texas this summer to see my folks which I ought to have done years ago, and see the Philadelphian show. And if possible will visit the Yale College Museum. I do not intend to stay over a month and after I return will be ready to go to the Hills on a horse hunt. And I do not see anything how to hinder me from hunting for the next two years. If you wish me to make the above proposed trip let me know by return mail. I will write again when I ship the box. Yours sincerely,

C. D. Shelley
Stockville Feb
April 7, 1876

Dear Sir,

Your kind favor dated March 17th
is at hand. Contents noticed. I will start to
Platt City in two days
will ship that box. I will
not be able to leave here until
some time in May owing
to some trouble I have about
some land. And I fear
it will be too late for me
to go out with Col. Sturtevant
to the bad lands. I would
like to go with the Col.
As it would be much safer
than it would be for a
small party of three or four
If I take a bone hunt, I would like to have another little pick and some of the large sheets of paper.

A. L. B. Chelle

Dock Hill, Frontier Co.,

Nebraska
Platte Feb. 12th, 1879.

Dear Sir,

I have shipped the box today. The jaws are broke in two. Some person handled it roughly. I suppose if I could have shipped it in the first place this would not have happened.

I can ship from this point hereafter without any trouble, enclosed you will find R.R. Receipt.
Address all mail matter hereafter in care of Charles M. Hamme
North Platte Neb.

Yours,
A. D. Shelley
College View, Spring. Feb

June 1st 1872

Prof. O.C. Marsh

Dear Sir,

I have been away from home and did not receive your letter until the 6th inst. When I received three, one dated May 15th Containing the $400 Check and one dated the same day Containing two copies of directions for things you send by mail to North Platte I did not receive yet but they are in the office and I have sent for them in your letter dated May 29th you asked me if I would like to go
With the party from the Golden City to collect fossils for you. Yes I would like to go and can be ready any time after the 15th of this month but if I am not. I will be at the Office I plan it will be to late by the time I get an answer from you, I got on a horse the same night I got the letter to go to Fort McPherson in order to get a dispatch could be send this started three days ago from Stockville since the mail only runs once a week. If this letter reaches you in 6 days times, this office an answer to go on. I am trying to send a start in Colfax County.
invest my money that may
which leaves the short cues
of the gene
Head of the cliffs
of which I send often the jar
is entirely gone I am certain
I found a few of the teeth
and the balance of it washed
down the ravine into the
creek.

Yours truly,

A.S. Shelley
In the Platte Feb.
June 25th 1876

Wm. H. P. Marsh.

Dear Sir,

I have been

here since the 22nd ready for the
trip west but have not heard from
you yet. If the party is to leave in
this month I presume it will be

to late for me to go. If you wish
me to go I am going back to
the Ranch to day or at least I
start to day. I left Union with
the P.M. line to forward my mail
immediately to Stock Ville. If this
reaches you before you will
address to Stock Ville family

but my proposed trip to the
Snake and Triobara I think
will have a failure on account
of the Indians. The country
north of here is full of small
war parties, and I could see
to lose my stock. They have
killed 15 headers here on the
River. The other day, Cook had
a fight again with them some
while in the Long River County
and he undoubtedly got the worst
of it. The Jo looks very very strange
to me before I close I will
tell you the train runs between here
and Stockville. Leaves North Platte
City on Monday morning and
arrives at Stockville Tuesday
noon and leaves Stockville
Tuesday evening. Leaves South
Platte Saturday evening.

The head of the Elphant of which I
came across on the lower Platte is not
to be feared. I think I have mentioned
this in any other letter.

Yours Truly
R. C. Shelty
Plum Creek Jan
Oct 26 & 1846
Prof. Olmsted.

Dear Sir,

I am going to start from this point to-day with Hunter north of the Mississippi River and hunt furs. Have two men with me. I hope to get north of White River. If I meet with any success I may whip some more. Thank you.
Missouri River

Yours in last

O. J. Shelly
Medicine Creek Stets.
May 30th, 1874

Prof. M. Marsh,

Dear Sir,

I have searched

This country over and over again to find the head of an elephant or mastodon which your letter the first in one of your letters you would like to get. I have found one at least but it is in such a bad condition that I can not do anything with it. I have tried to dig it up but it crumbles all to small pieces like grains of corn, in fact nearly all fossils in this part of the country are pretty much the same way. I have found part of the lower jaw of some animal which is in very good shape. What there is of it, especially the lower part of it is whole and all then. The bone is perhaps 12 or 14 inches in length with large teeth and well preserved, I also have one of its leg bones and a few foot bones which is all I could find of it, I can get quite a number of other bones such as leg bones and foot bones but perhaps no two of them would belong together.
They are all pretty large boxes and generally hard and brittle, some of them have only one whole piece of such boxes will be of any use to you I will send them to you. There is a kind of potting washing out of the Bluffs which I find sometimes it is made of fine gravel and clay and am sure I think but all I can just to is very small pieces. I have found the ball of a crock five years ago. It showed considerable workmanship, did my letter state sometime in January ever reach you, I wrote to you when I came back from my unlucky railroad trip but have not heard from you since. The large head you spoke of being in a ravine in the Nickerson County I failed to find. I think I looked for it in the right ravine but the area was too steep and stirted to much to find our thing in fact it was too late in the season to hunt fossils but I have inurniture this since my last letter. I will send you my small collection of bones soon.

I remain yours as ever
A. S. Shelley
Stockville
Frontier County
Via North Platte
North Platte Neb
Sept 22 1877

Prof O.C. Marsh. Dear Sir

I have

theme to day a small

lot of [illegible] from North

Platte. Will you hasten

Rail Road Receipt

here with,

have you ever received

my letters? I have writ

I have to you twice

I have send you a few

pieces of the potato

which I mentioned to

you in my last letter.
I have also mentioned in my last what occurred. I had in busy for the Elkhead heads. I have found several but they were in such a condition that I could not do anything with them.

Dear Yours Respectfully,

C. S. Shelley
Stockville
Frontier County Neb.
Via North Platte.
Niobrara River Neb.
Dec 27th, 1877

Prof. O. C. Marsh

Dear Sir,

I have written to several places for the text book of Geology. Author James D. Dana and failed to get it. Please inform me where to send to and also the price of the book. The Geological story briefly told by Dana is very interesting to me. I expect to be in a country the latter part of the winter where I can collect bone
Skulls of Indians and some entire skeletons. If they are desirable let me know and I will collect what I can for you.

I am yours Respectfully,

A. S. Shelley

Pt. Did you ever receive the parcel of fossils I sent to you from North Platte collected on the Missouri south of Fort McPherson.

Yours Shelley

Address Running Water Ranch, Ne.

Via Sidney