Far Western, Nebraska
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Professor O. C. Marsh,
Professor,

Many circumstances have induced me to take this step in making a formal application to the proper authorities to be transferred at an early date from "hospital service" to some duty that will more intimately associate me with the scientific work of the government, and at the same time place me in a
position where the Museums and Libraries will be more accessible. Prof. Baird has written that he will be glad to have me attached to his staff at the Smithsonian, and many of my friends in this country and Europe have sent me short letters to attach to my application, and thus show their interest in the progress of my work in anatomy. I do ask too much of you to beg a word of your powerful