Hollington, Conn., Oct. 14, 1876.

Prof. O. B. Marsh—

Dear Sir: Since reading Prof. Lea’s recent lectures, my interest in Paleontology has been revived, and my attention has been turned to a well in this town, with which I have been familiar since my boyhood.

I do not think it has ever been examined by any palaeontological scholar. It is of granite formation, about 300 ft. long by 50 ft. wide, and 10 to 50 ft. high. It is situated at the head of a creek, and borders on a deep ravine. On it are some 20 or more tracks, distinct and quite deep. They are of human beings of different ages, and of animals unknown at the present day. Yesterday, in company with A. B. Williams, Esq., I took plaster casts of several of the tracks. I send you herewith...
a rude outline sketch of one of them. Whether it is the impress of some giant hand, or whether it is the footprint of some animal or reptile, is impossible to determine. If it is of a man's hand, an finger is missing. It is not the track of a bird, at least like that of the osprey. It resembles to resemble the track of a quadruped. Some of these tracks are like those of deer or sheep. Some of them I cannot determine. Some resemble camel, and horses, though the latter are partly left, this one. There are no bird tracks visible: the rocky lies N.E. and S.W. The direction of the tracks are almost invariably due East and West, and from the distance between them, I judged that they were made in flight, as though the bird was sought as a refuge, the tracks pointing toward the more elevated portion of the rock. In two places occur tracks as if of a female accompanied by a small child. In this same ravine or valley, about one-half mile from the rock there is a large ledge in which are three caves running in some 25 feet at right angle to the face of the ledge. The entrances are like the x or y opens into a still larger one, with the same arched roof. They are quite filled up with deposit or mud. By a thorough examination of the premises there might, possibly, be found some prehistoric relics. If you deem the matter of sufficient interest to visit this locality, I shall be happy to afford you every facility in my power to pursue your investigations. If desired I will send you the cast from the encased sketch. With very great respect,

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[Date]
Syracuse, Oct. 26, 1876.

Prof. O. B. March —

Dear Sir: Since writing you on the 18th inst. I have seen in the press an account of an attempt to impose on the public in regard to human and bird tracks alleged to have been found in a slab stone, and having had no response from you, I thought perhaps you might suspect that I was attempting a similar fraud. My position, however, in the State Med. Society should be a sufficient guarantee against anything of the kind.

I was advised to lay the matter before you, by Dr. David S. Hart of this place, an old and respected alumnus of Yale. He suggests that, possibly, your examinations might have prevented your early attention to the matter. I should be pleased to hear from you at your earliest convenience. Very truly,

Your old friend,

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The Warden,

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