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University of Aberdeen.

27th May 1885

Dear Professor Marsh

You may perhaps recollect our meeting at Montreal last year, at the Meeting of the British Association there, and I afterwards had the pleasure of being shown, by your Assistant in your absence, your profoundly interesting collection at Yale University. I write to inquire whether you will be persuaded to come to the meeting of the British Association in Aberdeen, which commences on Sept. 9th, and, if so, whether you will give Mrs Struthers and myself the pleasure and honour of

having you as our guest during the meeting of the Association. We expect a good meeting, much larger than at Montreal, and Palaeontology Zoology and Comparative Anatomy, the sciences in which you are interested, will, I am aware, be well represented by many besides the few whose names as yet appear on the enclosed list.

Should you, as I sincerely hope, be able to come, we will look forward to the gratification of hearing you read one or more papers at the Sections.

From Liverpool to here direct is just 12 hours by rail. If you have not been in Scotland before you could see some fine scenery either before or after the meeting.

Will you allow me to mention that ever since I saw your collection at Yale, I have coveted, for our Museum, especially the possession of a cast of that magnificent High-bone of your Atlanto-Saurus. If it is not asking too great a favour, I would feel particularly gratified and obliged by your allowing one to be made for our Museum. If you could to favour us, I would with great pleasure, besides any expenses the workmen in the make the cast, present to you casts of the Rudimentary Hind-limbs & pelvic bones of any Greenland Right-Whales. As presented in the first Plate which I send by same post of the accompanying Paper on these parts in the

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Greenland Whale. Besides the
pleasure to the members of the
British Assoc^n of seeing it,
our Museum in which it would
then be placed contains many
interesting illustrations in
Comparative Anatomy, and it
would be permanently in-
structive to a large body of
students — some 400 in Arts
and 400 in Medicine — of our
University, all of whom pass
through biological training.

Again expressing the pleasure
it would give us all to have
you present at the meeting of
the British Association here
in September

I am
Dear Sir
Yours very sincerely
John Struthers

Prof^r O. C. Marsh
Yale University
New Haven
U. S.

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Migvie House.
Aberdeen.

2d September 1885

Dear Professor Marsh

Owing to engagements I did not receive your letter to day till after our last London post had left, but I trust you received my telegram this evening. Not having heard from you adversely, I concluded that you were somewhere on your Paleontological travels, and had not abandoned the hope of yet hearing from you that you were coming to Aberdeen.

It will give great satisfaction to the members of the Association to know that the meeting is to

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have the honour and
advantage of your presence,
and Mrs Struthers & I
are much gratified that
we can so have the honour
& pleasure of your being
our guest. I assume you
it remains quite convenient
for which had made no other
arrangement, always
reckoning on the possibility
of your coming at last.
We have as guests, besides,
Professor Masson, Professor
of English literature in
Edinburgh University, and
Dr Cleland, Professor of
Anatomy in Glasgow Uni-
versity.

We shall be ready to
receive you as soon as

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you like, not later at any rate
than on Wednesday in good
time to dine & get to the
President's Opening address
that evening. At our
"At Home" on Thursday after-
noon you will meet a good
many of the prominent
members of the Association.
I enclose the Card as a
matter of form to make
you aware of the occasion,
no answer, of course, being
required as you will be
At Home with us.

I hope you will accompany
me to the Breakfast on the
Friday morning for which
I enclose the formal in-
vitation. Sir Lyon Playfair
the Pres^t. is to be there &
will whip for the Association
and, altho' there will not
be much time for speaking,

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I ne. be glad (I am the President) to get a few words from you in reply for the Science of America.

I hope you will be able to give us a Paper or Papers at the meetings. I am to be mainly on Whales, of which I have got two rare & interesting specimens, with the skeletons to show; and I will have a little paper on the Development of the bones of the foot of the Horse (in the case of polydactyly) which will interest you specially.

I am not aware whether you have been before in Scotland. If not I may mention that your best way will be —

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(a) If you wish to travel straight thro' from London to Aberdeen, to take the train from Euston (the Caledonian), & if you wish to do it by night there is a train from Euston at 8 P.M., with sleeping cars all the way to Perth. Besides there is another night train from Euston & the usual morning one also.

(b) If you wish to see Edinburgh, & break your journey, this the Kings Cross Station. (North British Railway) - either night or morning train - the Flying Scotchman as it

is called. Leaving at, I think, 9 ~~in~~ A.M. you get to Edin at 7 P.M. If you do not know Edin, either the Royal or the Edinburgh Hotel, Princes Street, are near the station & both good hotels.

Coming from Edin to Aberdeen, there are two lines.

(1) Caledonian - via Sterling - The 8.30 A.M. train brings you to Aberdeen at 2.15 p.m. No ferry on the way.

(2) North British - the fastest. Morning train at 9,30. brings you to Aberdeen at 1.55 p.m.

There are other trains besides these on both lines

By the North British you have two ferries to cross, but not unpleasant in Summer.

There are several interesting Excursions of the Association, on the Saturday of the meeting, & on the Thursday (the day after the meeting closes) for the most interesting of which I will attend to ~~your~~ getting a place for you.

If you have not seen the North of Scotland & have a few days to spare after the meeting, you may see in a week or less some of the best scenery of Scotland, by going from here to Inverness, down the Caledonian "Canal" & thence to Oban & the chain of Lochs - Loch Awe, Loch Fyne, Loch Lomond, Loch Katrine & the Trosachs, arriving at Sterling or Glasgow.

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If you are much pressed for time you c^d in a couple of days, either before or after the meeting, see some good scenery at Loch Katrine & Loch Lomond.

If you will kindly write me on Friday, when this letter reaches you, what your time & movements are I c^d perhaps advise you more exactly.

I w^d get your letter on Saturday, but you w^d not get my reply in London till Monday Morning, as there is no delivery of letters in London on Sunday.

With best regards & again expressing the pleasure we feel at the prospect of having you as our guest

I am yours very truly

John Struthers

Professor Bonney is here & I have mentioned to him that you will be my guest.

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Migvie House.
Aberdeen.

23d Sept. 1885

Dear Professor Marsh

When I was at the Railway Station yesterday I again asked the Clerk about that double payment.

You may say again that it is not worth while, but I wish to bring them to book in the matter and will not be satisfied with a "foreigner" (if indeed I ought to call an American citizen a foreigner) not being

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informed by the Railway Officials as he ought to have been.

Well, answer me, as shortly as you like, two questions

1. How much did they charge you, when you paid again soon after leaving Edinburgh?

The ordinary 1st Class fare from Edinr to Aberdeen is £1. 1/. & I suppose they wd charge you that but the Clerk wishes to be sure

2. Did they give you a ticket or a

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voucher (i.e. a slip of paper, with the circumstances expressed on it) and did you give that up when you arrived at the Aberdeen Station? I presume you did.

The Clerk is quite pleasant to me about it, but as there are several companies on the long line from London to here, he wishes to be sure of all the facts before he asks them to refund.

Kindly answer me these queries, as soon as you can.

No letters have come for you.

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I will have the
pleasure of writing you
again before you
leave London on the
8th October. Meantime
I only say again how
great a pleasure it
was to us all in this
house, & at the Meeting
of the Assocn., to
have you.

Mrs Struthers joins
me in kindest regards

Dear
Yours very truly
J. Wm Struthers