Prof. A. P. March
Yale College

My Dear Sir:—I have spent this day at Plymouth Bluff (you remember the locality) both for my own pleasure and to look up something for yourself. The river is still too high for satisfactory search and I had to confine myself to profile examination of the Bluff without being able to examine detached masses lying under water. I had not made quite a collection of these, for my own cabinet when, just as I was despairing of finding any remains of the Theropoda, I noticed slightly projecting from the underside of the pebbles layer of the Greensand from below what I had no idea was a bone. By the aid of my servant I climbed up to it, drew up my chaise under it, and down rolled a very large perfect vertebra of the Theropoda. I remember the one I gave you when you were here was not perfect, but this is unbroken from end to end, and would make the finest specimen, as a fact. Shall I send it to you at Yale? It is such an interesting and elegant specimen, I hate to let it go; but I intend to find others before I do.

J. F. Tarrant
Columbus Female Institute
Columbus, Ind.
May 12, 1879

Prof. E. March
Yale College,

Mr. March:

Yesterday I read you for Excheq. the Reptora of the
Nassauaur. I shall go to Barton on Saturday
and visit Pymont Bluff again the su-
cceeding Saturday. It will afford me pleasure

to find anything you desire while at the same
time qualifying my own desires in that line.

I shall carry the Specimen in question up to
the Excheq Office this afternoon and if
Mr. Picking has, so already sent the box
you left in his care, I will send it to you in
a separate letter. It is my intention to examine
more thoroughly in the same spot and the
same layer for other pieces, but the day I was there
It was almost impossible to get to it. It was a
very steep bluff and I had to stand on the shoulders
of my servant to get at it, but the next time, I will
make arrangements to look carefully all around the
vicinity.

Very truly yours,

J. J. Curtin
Columbus Female Institute
Columbus, Miss
May 14, 1879

Prof. O.C. March
Yale College,

My Dear Sir:- I have just returned from a day's exploration at Garden Bluff. Besides the teeth of Sarsa, Galeocerda, Pychodra, I examined that spot where you found the tooth of the Pycnodus. I cut around carefully, but in the piece of rock extracted I found only what appeared to be a sort of nest or chamber, coated with a dark substance, perfectly symmetrical, in which one of the teeth you found or some other tooth of the same species may have been resting. I will send it as soon as I find enough of other specimens to justify the payment of express charges on them. At Colbert, just below Baton you remember, I found what I think to be something new in the way of a bone, at least it is new to myself, but may be something very ordinary to you and when you see it
you may be tempted to laugh at me. It is as much as I can do to prevent its falling to pieces, it is so very friable. I found it just at the outer edge in the layer immediately under the indurated calcareous mass of sand, filled with which you remember lying about in pieces and full of teeth. Eocene and Pliocene. The bone was embedded so firmly in this layer that it was with great difficulty I could extract it without breaking it and still keep it in two pieces. I will not send it to you now, for the expense to you in paying express on it would be too much, but will wait until I can send you a quantity of other specimens, as I intend to do if I can find the time to explore sufficiently. This fragment for it is only a fragment, and some other must be found, is flattened, 6 in. long, 4 in. wide, narrow neck, top. Now Assistant Geologist Horner in Scammon's last report says in regard to the lowest stratum at Plymouth Bluff there is a quantity of cliffs in this lower stratum bored by forks. How also were found bones of some large reptile, but too friable to be well preserved. They lay at P. Bluff near Point of all the one at Colesbe when I saw this bone are the same.
you spoke of wishing me to let you know how your
care was faring. I only ask you to send me anything
you do not need in the way of fossils that would
be good for my school cabinet. I will think
of you whenever I find anything in the
Palaentological line. And I shall report
your very truly,
J. T. Farrand.
My Dear Professor Marsh,

In acknowledging receipt of the specimens vertebral joint you sent, I may be trespassing on your time and patience by so soon imposing on you another communication, as I know you are far less more than word, but you said you could give me some notes in regard to Tempe C which would be of assistance to me in Roller Limestone explorations. I wish you would send them to me, and I will make use of them in July. I have explored one locality in that county where the Nocatee River cuts through the limestone at the site of old Uchelak. I have an uncle there whose assistance Prof. Stoney acknowledged in his Alabama Report and who will take pleasure in assisting me. Please ask your bro. to send me Dana's Camp Manual of Geology by mail, and I will send money on receipt.

Yours very truly,

J. F. Turrett
My Dear Professor March:

I accept my sincere thanks for the copies of Dr. Wilkins' "Prehistoric Man" and Danai, Manual. In the former I have been greatly interested, and of course the latter will have of material benefit to me. Your kindness only enhances my desire to aid often all I can in your desire to gather materials for the study of the Southern Cretaceous. The localities mentioned by you are all surely visits in vacum. The Wahalak locality I have already entered in my note book. I have not yet made a second visit to Plymouth Bluff — the rains have kept the water too high. I will begin my work in Kemper and Noxubee the first week in July. I have eighty people at Wahalak who will assist me if necessary.

Yours truly,

J. F. Tamann
Columbus Female Institute
Columbus, Miss
Mch 11, 1871

Prof. T. L. Marsh,
Yale College,

My Dear Sir,

Your Worm receives today. I shall send you in a few days' post. Explored fragments of bones, I found a few days since in the stratum of blood-stained mud with lime and fragments of shells. Some few feet under the surface just where it passed into the Roten Sinterstone. I found it just beyond Plymouth Cliffs at the head of a ravine leading into the River. As fast as the bone came to be dug out they would crumble to pieces. In digging the ditch, an old negro struck something hard. Upon examination, it proved to be a skeleton of some sort strongly blended with the mixed black and brown soil, one of which we could obtain as well-defined parts except those I sent you. The remains extended...
about five feet in a straight line.

I also send you a bone or rather fragment. The locality at which it was found you will remember as the one near the Barton where we found the bed of teeth. Just below the Ferry, where the bluff has washed away and left exposed quite along and wide sheet of rocks some thirty feet under the original surface, and where we found some of the teeth of *Ptycho* and *Mastodon*, just under this sheet right at the water's brink at low water mark, I found the bone I send you. It was sticking out of the green sand and was all the solid portion of it. I coered it from and dug into the bank, I found nothing but the mere signs of decay.

I also send the tooth picked up in Kempen Co. and found in the Rotten Lime Tone.

I also send the paddle bone of the *Mosasaurs* which an old negro has been using for a whetstone. I recommend in regard to that letter to the
"Board of Regents" of the University of Alabama, I will be very much obliged to you if you will write it and just send it to me. Then I will send it with other testimonials when I make formal application. I will apply for the Chair of English Literature though I prefer Latin and Greek, but an old friend of mine will apply for that chair and I would not be a competitor. I do not know what to think about my chance. I have no feet in seeking places. I started in life a poor boy, have had to make my own way. My father prepared me for College and then I had to work my own way through. Since my graduation I have been teaching without seeking places in the usual manner i.e., by what is termed logrolling and what we used to call in our College boys book-licking. If there is any partialship or logrolling in the appointment of Alabama University faculty I'll none of it." I shall simply apply to have great testimonials, but may be beaten by some popular warm-foot politician who has never
served even an apprenticeship in the schoolroom. I want to teach and expect to teach all my life, but I want abundant opportunity to study. The older I get and the more I study, the shorter seem the time I have and the more eager I am for study. My longings may be gratified some day. I think they ought to be. I fear, however, that loud pretensions and influential connections and some "good friend at court" will do more for others than hard labor and an earnest endeavor to merit place have ever done for me.

The Tombigbee River is very high now. The Bluff, I will be well washed this spring and as soon as the low water season comes on, I will profit by a close search for fossils at Plymouth and elsewhere.

Yours Very Truly
J. F. Tarrand
Columbus Female Institute
Columbus, Miss.
May 24, 1871

My dear sir:

I sent you a box containing all of the Celto-American and Indian relics I have on hand, and that I thought you would like, sometime since. I have one or two other remarkable relics, Indian relics, found since I sent the box. The wails are falling now and I expect to do something for you. The bluff has been well washed by the streams.

I do not know what my chances are at the University of Alabama. Everybody is in a hurry, that is a leader wants a place. The Press is full of the communication recommending this friend or that friend. I shall make use of your letter. I wish I had asked you to write a short letter to the Alabama Register on the subject. It would have done me much good. The election is on June 13th.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

Mrs. J. F. [Name]