Ferryville, Town. April 5, 1877.

Prof. O.C. Marsh,

Dear Sir,

Since my last interview with you, I have been considering quite seriously of disposing of my collection. Thanking much more my mind that it is better for a collection of this nature to belong to some public institution, rather than a private individual, and while it is my greatest wish that it should go to Yale, yet I do now feel as though I could make an out and out gift of it. Have spent a deal of hard labor upon it and reckon $8,000, in money besides my individual efforts, and now feel as though my name should be identified with it both on all of what I have done and as an inducement to future operations.

Suppose them an objection is made to this in a public collection. Though I know what they may be. But if you should grant the collection with the above connection, I would make a large
Sacrifice, that I might perform it. I should be obliged to meet Mr. Hamilton and yourself at any time you may name in Hartford, and show it to you.

Believe me with greater respect and esteem,

Your truly,

[Signature]

(Seal)
Hairston, Town, June 1st, 1877.

Prof. O. L. March:
My dear sir,

Your note of the 20th ult came to hand during my absence down in Arkansas, Missouri (more opening from which returning last evening.

I am glad to understand some time this week you and yourself will be on the scene or in the vicinity, particularly upon your own convenience, by dropping me a line the day before you come.

W. H. Wall Sr.

Please write soon.

Yours truly,

James Terry.
Hartford, June 6, 1871.

Prof. O. March.
My dear Sir,

Having left Mr. Fletcher the Librarian today, I hope that both yourself and Mr. Tannew, visited the collection of books while I was away. Unfortunately, there was no answer to show it to you, thus being much that needed explaining and many things concealed from view. The being a lot of matter in the business, unpunctual, and it would impossible to form a correct view of the articles in the card with one handling them. However, I don't suppose you can from the time to visit it again as present. Almost forget the pleased I was a few times from company calling my mind. Should this please a letter from your expecting? What you thought of Dr. and Professor with great respect and esteem.

Your truly;

[Signature]
Hartford, Conn., June 15th, 1877.

Prof. O.C. Marsh.

My dear Sir,

Obeying your injunction as well as the wishes of the Committee in having something written down, I have the following ultimatum as to what shall be done with my collection. As stated to you in person, I am extremely anxious that I should have it all and am ready to undertake the sacrifice I can afford that you may receive it, and it seems to me as though the branches of science should have freedom enough in Yale to have it at any rate the amount.

The collection has cost me prior to my last trip to New York, about $1,000, and the last addition cost $500. Of course I think it worth much more, but I do not think it a collection of any extent can be bought for a smaller cost. However, you are a better judge of what matters than I am.

Carry this to Mr. Love in Cash and the balance in 2 years time, or if Yale has sufficient
Rotting, I shall retain the last lot and any you can have for $1,000. I see a deal that as before. There is now $75,000 of Rotting in the collection already and about $25,000 of California waxons at $12 per lb. and another 20 or more things with some containing in them clay tablets which you may sell. You can then repurchase them in such a way that they will return to the interest of the collection.

As you will see, I have been visiting many gardens, or even to display all these things, and feel as though I want to do something with them. I have worked on it now as an individual and I cannot handle it alone. I am not sure how the clay tablets to take it as a whole offer it the choice. I am willing to have this offer for a week or ten days and you will get the same time if you think a probability of accepting it.

Believe me, I'm with the greatest respect.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
Huntington, Aug 17th 1877.

Prof. C. Marsh.

My dear Sir,

I have just returned from a two weeks' trip to Ohio but received nothing of any account for my collection. Partly through an oversight, I neglected to record what I have. But long since we parted, I shall hear from you again. As soon as you state the amount of the material, I will forward it through Messrs. Hingham, for $50.00, but as they have duplicates and you already possess duplicates of the same, it is immaterial.

I should like extremely much to be present at Nashville, but other matters will prevent my going. Please inform me of your decision as to retaining the collection.

Yours truly,

Anna Trim.

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My Esteemed Professor.

In Mr. Hayne's suggestion sending you the enclosed, you can see it as you see fit or return as you wish. I was at New Haven last week to see you, but missing. I have perhaps not gone little ideas of interest from the Pacific Coasts which I wish to live with you some next you are in the city.

With assurance of high esteem regard,

I am

[Signature]

Prof. O. C. Marsh
New Haven
Conn.