March 30th, 1890.

Supt. Peabody Museum,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir:—

I have what is called a fine specimen of Iguana about four and a half feet long which I shall be pleased to ship to you if you can put the same to any use. I have had the animal or reptile since last January and it lived until about two weeks since, when it died and was put on ice to preserve until my return from the north.

If you desire same kindly advise me at once and I will express it at once, and shall be pleased to give the same to the Museum.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
April 1st, 1890.

O. C. Marsh, Esq.,

New Haven, Conn.

My dear Sir:—

Your valued favor of the 31st. inst. to hand and contents noted, and in reply would say that I shipped the Iguana this morning via Adams Ex. directed to you at Peabody Museum.

Regarding the inquiry as to place of capture I would say that the reptile was brought to me by a friend returning from Nicaragua last January, and was captured by his servant at or near Corinto. I kept it for some time alive, by feeding with grapes and banana's and found it a very interesting reptile to study. They seem to be harmless and are easily handled. It is necessary to feed him, as well as to give water, which I did by using a small funnel. I notice that the body less wasted away since he died, but when alive was quite round and plump. My friend informs me that this one of the largest specimens he has seen as they are more frequently about two to three or three and a half feet long. His servant told me that he has seen them nearly five feet long but very rarely, (said servant is a Nicaragua Indian.)

Should you desire further information I shall be pleased to give it, or if not known to me will find out when I write again to my friend, also if there are any curios you desire from that region I shall be pleased to aid you in obtaining them. My friend is now in San Salvador, and I have no doubt would be glad to aid you in obtaining what you may desire. Thanking you for your courtesy I remain,

Very truly yours,

[Signature]