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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y,

Dated Newport R I 10 1876

Received at New Haven Aug 10

To Prof O C Marsh

Very sorry I cannot come

Expect some friends —

A Agassiz

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[Concerning dinner for Huxley]

Castle Hill
Newport Sept 20/78

My dear Marsh

I think that the matter of Hayden & Co going on indefinitely will take care of itself all their material will naturally pass into the hands of their successors! and Congress will certainly not appropriate any thing except through the regular head.

Would it not be well to make the Smithsonian as it was the head of the Biological Survey. [excl Palent.) under it so that

Baird's feelings should not be roused. Though I feel as if there was too much to do already at Smiths. and that it's perhaps best to leave that as matters now stand as we had it. It certainly would be a good plan to have the Bishopsits have a larger representation on council but that seems almost impossible unless we reorganise into the section plan (the other side will kick us every time easy).

I look back with pleasure to the fundays you

were here & am very glad you enjoyed it as much as I did.

Yours ever
A. V. Gassin.

Museum of Comparative Zoölogy,

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Sept 29/78

My dear Mark

Your dispatch I found on my arrival, late last night, from Newport. Too late to reply. Your letter came to hand this A.M. mail only open 12-1 Sundays & not a chance to write by night mail. I go West on the 15th when I expect to have to be in N.Y. for a day or so. I am sorry to hear of the new complications in regard to land surveys & that comes up my impression must be to recommend that the land

Surveys be maintained as an independent Bureau Opland (under Interior) in charge of a first class topographer and to recommend that as cheap a method of survey be adopted as the lands call for. But this involves it seems to me the necessity of having in the Am. of the Acad. some body thoroughly conversant with the whole system of land surveys. I think Pumpelly is and he would be an excellent member he has had a great deal of experience in Western lands in way of locating and knows all the ins & outs of land office & their branches in fact he would

Museum of Comparative Zoölogy,

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

be a much better of the Com.
than I am as he would be
accessible while after Oct. 18
I am not - or add him -
after you talk with Hewitt &
Humphreys you will better be
able to judge how good an
addition he would make to the
Com. I send you to New Haven
the last copy of my photog.
which I have

Yours truly
A. Agassiz.

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36 Quincy St.
Cambridge Mass.
Sept 30 1878

My dear Marsh

On returning home to night I find a despatch his answer to yours which I had left to be sent while I went off for the day. I am disgusted at this piece of negligence of Shope you will excuse the stupidity of my man

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I did not repeat it as my letter must have reached you

Yours truly

A. Agassiz

Museum of Comparative Zoölogy,

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Nov 17/78

My dear Maist

I was very to hear such good accounts from you regarding your progress at Washington. I missed Patterson here the other day who made a flying visit to Peirce. Gibbs has seen Peirce who's only objection seems to be the transfer to the Int. Dept. fearing the introduction of political element from that quarter of thinking Coast Survey safer in hands of Treas'y. Dept. The enclosed from the Evening Transcript of Saturday (yesterday) shows you that Hayden is at work and he

has begun by making misrepresentations of notes stating the whole. The concluding I shrewd the animus I have engaged my passage for Steamer if Dec 5 leaving N.Y.

Yours truly
A V Agassiz

Museum of Comparative Zoölogy,

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

July 29/80

Prof. O. C. Marsh.

Dear Sir-

In accordance with your request I forward to you by express to-day the two boxes of fossils which were sent here, by Mr. Baldwin—

Yours truly

A. Agassiz

per

C. M. As

Castle Hill
Newport July 11/83

My dear Mark

The Diplomas came to hand & I have mailed them to Hall again. Since you have had such a time with that infernal surgeon if you want to cool off dodge in a few me plenty of rum and simply come & you shall do nothing to your hearts content. I go up to Cambridge for the day 16 & 17th but to the mine here

Jno A. Agassiz

Museum of Comparative Zoölogy,

Oct 14/83 CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

My dear Marsh

I have gone of the 12th. I do not believe in half measures and having made up my mind to retire from all outside work I must include Acad^y and withdraw radically just as I have done for Corporation and other things which have far greater claim and interests for me than Acad^y. So I must insist on my resignation being accepted as it was sent

Ever yours truly

A. Agassiz

Museum of Comparative Zoölogy,

CAMBRIDGE, MASS. Apl 18/84

My dear Marsh

Lyman telegraphed me about having Fall meeting of Acad here. I consulted four of Camb & Boston members and they seemed to think Camb. a very undesirable place of meeting. You may remember that when it met here once before the meeting was not a success the Acad was not cordially received and the whole was a stiff affair. I shall probably not be in Camb. when meeting occurs so I must be counted out but if the Acad is to meet here the Camb. & Boston men shld. have a meeting and let us see who will act and take upon himself something. Every body seems very willing to have me do it but that I can't do as I do not intend to be again mortified as I was when the Acad was here last. Let me know how matters stand

Yours, Dr P. Gassin.

Museum of Comparative Zoölogy,

CAMBRIDGE, MASS. May 4/84.

My dear Marsh

We were all rather disputed at the elections of the Acad^y. Practically 3 new Washington members is a large percentage & with the elections at Wash^n the evil will pur more each year and the Acad^y will soon end in being a Wash^n clique They have us absolutely in their power unless we can always be on hand to checkmate them and I for one don't think the game is worth the trouble. However I ought to be counted out hereafter as I have pretty well concluded to draw out of everything which is not absolutely essential and not directly under my nose.

Fowbridge told me You had appointed me on the Newport local Com^n for the Fall meeting as I shall not be in Newport then you will have to appoint some one else in my place

always yours

A. Agassiz

Newport June 28/86

My dear Marsh

The Doplemas go to Hall this P.M. Sorry to have missed you I am here now for the summer I don't propose to bridge for any thing except my participating with the Cambridge. Sir Shope you will find you as here

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some time this summer. I fear we shall be flooded by the fresh brother!

Yours truly

A. Agassiz.

Castle Hill
Newport July 11/64

My dear Maria

I got your despatch
and replied. It is no use
to count on me for any
thing. I must simply
say no to any thing
and every thing for
some time to come. It
is more than I can carry
to attend to my own
affairs without
attempting to run
Washington; besides

this specially I don't believe in after the manner we are usually treated by Congress & I don't propose to have any voice whatever in these matters a get myself involved in Govt. pics. This the more as I propose next Spring to resign from Academy I should do it at Oct. meeting even this a proper meeting to do so.

Yrs A. Agassiz

Museum of Comparative Zoölogy,

Oct 6/84. CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

My dear Marsh

For personal reasons and in accordance with my determination to withdraw from all outside work I send in my resignation as member of the Acad. I shall express the files and book of the Foreign Cor. to Hall asking him to pass them over to my successor.

Yours truly

A. Agassiz.

Museum of Comparative Zoölogy,
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Oct. 6/84.

Prof. O. C. Marsh
President of the National Academy of Sciences

Dear Sir

I hereby tender my resignation as member of the National Academy of Sciences

Yours resp'y.
A. Agassiz.

Museum of Comparative Zoölogy,

CAMBRIDGE, MASS. Apl 8/85

My dear Marsh

I have yours of the 6th and of course after such a letter as that I can do nothing except to withdraw my various resignations so that if you have not taken any action abt. them please put them in the fire and say nothing abt. them. Hall might as well keep the book of Tor. Sect. as there is not likely to be much of any thing to add at present or he can send it back Exp.ly to me. I will write him to that effect. I am sorry I cannot go to the Wash.n meeting as my Supt. is to be here at that time to consult abt. various matters. I think I can arrange on way to or from Mines to stop a while in N.Y. or New Haven and we can make up some kind of cruising plan. I should be sorry to see any Japs just as I am convalescent from the Jap. craze.

it might develop the dream again. I saw a lot of Japs. at Sandwich Ills. who came there as laborers it was as good as seeing a bit of Japan. Some of the nominations to Acad. struck me as putty poor — The idea of putting up such a scientific chap as Casey! it passes comprehension —

Always yours
A. Agassiz.

Museum of Comparative Zoölogy,

Apl 26th/85 — CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

My dear Mark

Dumas & Würtz among foreign assoc^ns of Nat. Acad^y have died since last meeting.

Yours
A. Agassiz

Museum of Comparative Zoology,

CAMBRIDGE, MASS. Dec 9/85

Professor O. C. Marsh

President of the National Academy
of Sciences

Sir

I hereby tender my resignation
as member of the National Academy
of Sciences.

Yours very respectfully
A. Agassiz.

MUSEUM OF COMPARATIVE ZOÖLOGY,
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Dec 9/85

My dear Mark

I ought never to have withdrawn the resignation I once sent as member of N. A. (Acad): There are many things I have given up much nearer to me than that I am constantly giving up, others & in self defence I must send it again. I cannot remain a member of any thing in which I do not take an active part. I do this

deliberately; I am acting with counsel
which I do not prepare not to follow this
time

Yours
A Agassiz

I send you Exp. the Remarks of
Inv. Lab.

MUSEUM OF COMPARATIVE ZOÖLOGY,
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Dec 10/85

My dear Marsh

I have your note about placing the legs of the Morosaurus exhibition I am very glad indeed to have your permission to do so and shall either take off the feet or cover them up until you allow their being seen. The Morosaurus leg makes quite a show. I am glad to hear such good account of the Dinoceras Yrs A. Agassiz.

MUSEUM OF COMPARATIVE ZOÖLOGY,
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Dec 15/85

My dear Mark.

It's no use for me to think for a moment of remaining in the Acad. Each year I lose ground and dimin myself that I can go back and begin anew. I must not commit that mistake again & must clear myself of everything not of the first importance to me. I don't yet know what I shall do. I rather think it

will be a night train - So good bye & Point
so pure again

Mr A. Agassiz

MUSEUM OF COMPARATIVE ZOÖLOGY,
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

April 8/86

My dear Marsh

Before I left last Dec.
I sent you my resignation
as member of the Natl.
Acad of Sciences - I write
simply to say that I must
insist on having my
resignation accepted - My
reasons for so doing it is
not worth while to go into
detail about

Yours A. Agassiz

MUSEUM OF COMPARATIVE ZOÖLOGY,

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

May 1/86.

My dear Marsh

From the reports I see abt. the Natl. Acad'y. meeting you must have misunderstood my letter. I intended my resignation to be that of membership as I must insist on its being accepted; it said nothing of I remember rightly abt. Fr. Lect. -

always yours

A. Agassiz

Museum of Comparative Zoölogy,

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

May 26/86.

My dear Marsh

On my return from the West I find your note of the 5th while fully recognising the kindness of the members of the Acad. in asking me to remain on the list of Hon. members I feel that I must abide by my first request. I do not believe in any thing but an active membership of the Acad. for me or nothing - There is no prospect of the former as I write you and must give up my work as fast as

possible and as I have resigned in toto from other things which to me are far nearer and shall resign from others also I see nothing except to make a clean sweep and retire as fast as practicable to my own private life.

Yours sincerely

A. Agassiz.

Prof. O.C. Marsh
President Natl. Acad.

36 Quincy St.
Cambridge Mass.
Oct 24. 1886

My dear Marsh
of H.C.
The President tells me you
are to be doctored at the 250th
anniv. I write to ask if you
will not come and stay
with me on the occasion
the ceremonies begin early
Monday A.M. The 8th and I
shall be glad to have you
either Saturday or Sunday hope
as you find it most convenient.

I see the Natl. Acad. is
to have a special meeting
when it meets here. I hope
that my resignation will be
acted upon. I must insist
on withdrawing in ~~toto~~ from
the Acad. the whole tendency
is to become more and more
of a Wash. concern and I
cannot with any self
respect meet some of the
Wash. gentlemen I have
too much regard for my
personal comfort and after

my experience at Wash.
of late I do not propose
ever to have anything to do
there either directly or indirectly
and expose myself again to
such treatment as I have
received for daring to have
opinions of my own which
are not palatable to the powers
that be. I don't propose
to discuss a subject with people
whose only weapon is abuse
and personalities or throw
myself in their path in

any way I can help you

Sincerely

A. Yassin