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New Haven, Conn., June 6, 1892.

Dear Senator Allison, -

I have heard incidentally through Senator Hawley that Prof. Osborn has written you a letter in regard to the Geological Survey appropriation for paleontology, in which he intimates that I have not allowed the younger paleontologists to see the specimens I have collected. This charge has no just foundation. I have always allowed paleontologists, young and old, from this country and Europe, to see my collections, and I spend a great deal of time every year in showing and explaining them to those most interested in the subject. Prof. Osborn, I have especially favored, and have often put myself to great inconvenience to show him entire series of specimens that he wished to examine. Some of Prof. Osborn's friends and associates, however, who are hostile to the Survey, have obtained access to my collections during my absence, and abused the privilege, and I have thus been obliged to prevent a repetition of such action. Possibly this is what he refers to.

Allow me to add that the collections of fossils I have made for the Government are worth all they have cost and more. They are carefully labelled and preserved by themselves, and as fast as their investigation is completed, or even before, they are sent to Washington. Part of these are already on exhibition in the National Museum, and other collections will be sent there as soon as cases are provided for them.

Very truly, yours,

( Signed ) O. C. Marsh.

Hon. William B. Allison,

U. S. Senate.

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New Haven, Conn., July 9, 1892.

Dear Senator Allison, -

I thank you most sincerely for your good words in the Senate yesterday for science, and for all you have done of late for the Geological Survey and other scientific departments of the Government. You deserve the thanks of every scientific man in the country for your broad and enlightened views as to the value of scientific research to the Government, and <sup>for</sup> your appreciation of the work already accomplished. It is a great encouragement to ~~those who are~~ <sup>men</sup> devoting their lives to science to find that those who control the action of the Government relating to scientific matters are far-seeing as to the future development of the country and ~~the~~ the aid that science can give ~~to the country~~.

With many thanks, for all you have done,

I remain, with high respect,

Yours, very truly,

( Signed ) O. C. Marsh.

Hon. William B. Allison,

U. S. Senate.

Letter to Senator Allison  
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