

W.M.H.

SCOTT CIRCLE

WASHINGTON, D.C.

April 6th 1883

To dear Prof. Marsh

I have only recently moved into my own house, and it would gratify me exceedingly to receive — as my first guests — the members of the National Academy.

I therefore take the liberty of writing to you as Acting President to ascertain whether you think it would be agreeable to the members to meet their Washington friends at my house on Thursday the 19th inst.

I have just seen Prof. Baird in reference to this point; and he stated that it had been his intention to receive the Academy at the Smithsonian on that evening, but that he was afraid that the health of Mr. Baird might interfere with his plans.

Yours sincerely
Alexander Graham Bell

Prof. Marsh
Acting Pres. of the Natl. Academy,
New Haven, Conn.

BREVOORT HOUSE,

Fifth Avenue, near Washington Square,

New York, Oct. 1st 1884

Prof. O. C. Marsh
President of the Nat. Academy of Sciences
New Haven, Conn.

My dear Sir

Immediately upon receipt of your telegram notifying me of my appointment on a Committee of the National Academy and requesting a reply, I telegraphed that I would consider it my duty as a member of the National Academy to serve on any Committee on which you believed my services would be of value.

I did not at that time know the nature of the questions that had been referred to the Academy nor was I aware of the fact that the Committee had already held its final meeting and had substantially agreed upon a Report.

I am free to say that I fully

and heartily concur in the Report
forwarded to you by Gen. Meigs,
and consider it an honour to be
requested to sign a document
containing such valuable
and important recommendations.

I cannot however consent
to sign the Report for I have
not participated in the deliberations
of the Committee and my signature
under such circumstances would
hardly I think be consistent
with honour.

Dear Sir, my dear Sir,
Yours very respectfully
Alexander Graham Bell

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1500 RHODE ISLAND AVENUE.

Washington D.C.

May 27th. 1885

Prof. O. C. Marsh
Pres. of Natl. Acad. of Sciences

Dear Prof. Marsh

Please excuse me
for having neglected to notify
you formally of my willingness
to serve on the Committee of
the National Academy to which
you have been kind enough to
appoint me to consider certain
questions submitted to the
Academy by the Secretary of the
Navy in his communication
dated April 22nd. As I had
verbally expressed to you my
willingness to serve - it did
not occur to me till now

— that simple courtesy — if nothing more — demanded from me a formal notification.

I feel highly honoured — that you should have deemed me worthy of a place on this Committee — as I recognise that the subjects to be considered are among the most important that have been submitted to the Academy.

I need hardly add that I shall give the questions ~~to~~ immediate & serious attention.

Yours respectfully

Alexander Graham Bell

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1336 NINETEENTH STREET.

Mr Alexander Graham Bell
requests the pleasure of
Mr Marsh's
company at dinner on
Thursday evening April 17th
at half past seven o'clock.

April 7th 1889

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To Prof O Marsh			

Will you dine with me on Thursday of
next week to meet members of the Senate
and House and a few of our Chief
Scientific men? An immediate reply will much oblige
Alexander Graham Bell