

33 West Houston St.
New York City Sept 27/84

Prof V. C. March
Pratt - M. A. S.,
New Haven Conn

Dear Sir

Yesterday

I received from the Secretary of War
a letter conveying a copy of one addressed
to him by the Secretary of the Navy,
questioning the propriety of an officer of
the Army acting on the Committee of
which I have been a member.

The Secretary of War disapproves of
such action on my part.

Accordingly I have to notify you that
yesterday I sent a resignation of my
membership of the Committee of the National
Academy to Gen. Meigs.

Very truly
C. B. Cornsforth

I forward this, but know nothing of the appointment.
Dec. 17th A.M.

Army Building
39 Whitehall St.
New York Dec 16 1892

Dear Professor

I saw in some newspaper that at the last meeting of the Nat^l Academy of Sciences, I had been designated to prepare a biography or memoir of Prof. W. P. Insubridge. I was not able to be present at the last meeting and as I am overworked that the designation was not made.

I have no notification of it, but suppose you will know

Very truly
C. B. Comstock

Prof. A. Hall
Home Lic^y N. A. S.

(Copy)

New Haven, Conn., December 24, 1894.

Dear General, -

You know that the late President Barnard of Columbia College left a ~~large~~ fund to provide a gold medal, to be given for important researches in science; also that the National Academy of Sciences decides to whom the medal shall be given. There is ~~now~~ ^{now} a vacancy ~~now~~ on this committee, caused by the death of Prof. J. P. Cooke of Harvard, and I write to offer you this position. I hope you will accept, as ~~the~~ ^{the} committee is important, and a permanent one. ~~The~~ ^{and} present members of the committee are Prof. ^{John} C. F. Chandler, chairman, ~~with Professor~~ ^{do} Boss, Goode, and E. S. Dana. You can ~~render~~ ^{do} an important service to science and to the Academy, and ~~do me~~ ^{to me} a personal favor, if you will accept the appointment.

Yours, very truly,

(Signed) O. C. Marsh,

President of the National Academy of
Sciences.

General Cyrus B. Comstock, U.S.A.

Army Building
New York City Dec 26 1894

Dear Professor

Your letter of Dec 24

asking me to serve on the Barnard
Medal Committee is received.

I shall be glad to do so if I can
thru my service the National Academy.

Very truly yours

C. B. Conant

Prof. O. C. Marsh

President Nat^l Academy of Sciences