Albany May 18th 1867

My Dear Sir

I have received
three copies of the Catalogue
of Official Reports on Geol.
Surveys, for which accept
my thanks. The Document
will be a very useful one
- I am deficient in many
of these and probably some
cannot now be obtained
- Shall send you copies of
two papers published in
Dec. last - I may have sent
them before but at the
time of publication I made
a limited list of those sent
& audit I fear I missed -
and now I am sending again
& you may destroy the one if duplicate

I send also a paper on
Minnesota Geology -

I observe in the May
number of the Am. Journal
a characteristic paragraph
by Beck - saying I must
have seen his paper before
writing etc - I have
never yet seen his paper -
When I saw the notice
of it in the Am. Journal
I immediately sent my kind
regards to Mr. Dana asking
him to note the fact
lest I might be accused
at some future time of
having made use of facts
from Beck's paper - The
Journal notice is acc. B
have since seen, and as
any injustice had long been
in the shadow of posterity
I changing or adding -

I left it to Mr. Dana to
turn Mr. Leslie's article
for Vol 4 and then
new communicated to
the Am. Phil. Soc. not any
an original communication
as would be in force from
the paragraph but as [illegible]
pages of Vol 1 pag. 11. 4.
I am at a loss to know why
Mr Dana would permit
the paragraph as it is
without a note of explan-
=ation - I am precluded
from replying through the
Journal and am thus at
the mercy of such men
as this one whose character
for many years with me
in my employment - was
marked by unfaithfulness
deceit and dishonesty.

In Dana's last letter to me we are kept and have heard and Hesitate to disturb him - Believing your disposition & Journals I would ask you to inquire of Mr Dana concerning this matter, should it be convenient to him so do ——

I am very truly Yours

James Hall

Prof. O. C. Marsh

&c &c

P.S. Fancy anticipate many pleasures since Dr. Whitfield has a letter for you directed to care -

Albany April 14th 1868

My Dear Sir.

In 1860 I published, as an appendage to Report of Progress for the Wisconsin Survey, a few pages of descriptions of fossils - I have not a complete copy of it, but I believe there are one or more copies in good hands - I shall feel greatly obliged for the loan of one for a few days or a list of the genera and species with reference to the pages will serve my purpose - I wish to cite it in the last pages of Report on State Cab.

already in type and
will an early reply will
greatly oblige Yours
Very truly
James Hall

Rev. O. C. Marsh
Dear Sir

ALBANY
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N. Y.

Prof. O. C. Marsh
Yale college
New Haven
Conn

Should Prof
Marsh be absent
please deliver to
Prof. Dana who will please open the letter

Jas Hall

Albany April 18th 1868

Dear Dana.

In carrying out my plans for the reorganization of the State Cabinet I find the collection of Minerals in a very unsatisfactory condition. The collection made and arranged by Dr Beck, together with a collection showing the minerals of the Northern Counties by Dr Emmons, were merged in one by Col Jewett, and the consequence is that we have a great many specimens redupliated and many inferior specimens.

I have been looking for some one familiar with the mineralogy of the State who would be willing to take the matter in hand and weed out the poor specimens, and unnecessary duplicates, and also fill up the jars with better specimens in many instances — Do you know of a proper person? Our own judgment and experience may be relied upon — I have written to Prof. Root of Hamilton College but have no satisfactory reply.

Should the appropriations proposed for the State Cabinet be carried through I shall have the means of doing on to some extent this year.

I had hoped to have given the State Cabinet
Report of last year before this time, but
there is a little delay in the Plates and
several intended for the work will not
appear this year.

You know that for many years I
have been engaged in the preparation of a
geological map of the U.S. The greatest
difficulty in the way has been the Precambrian
Geology on which Mr. Logan and myself have
spent much time in the country between
the Red River and the western line of Vt.
Mass. & Conn. And Dr. Williams much
more time on the North Northeast -
My material has been given to him to
finish his great map which will soon
be ready - By an agreement of long standing
between us I am to have the use of the
plates of his map so far as I need them
if I can complete the extension
southward on the same scale -
In the meantime I have had a smaller
map in progress and have secured a copyright
for it in anticipation of the publication.
Sometime since at your suggestion
I wrote to Prof Guyot in reference to
the matter and he referred me to his
publishers and they again to Prof. G. and
so the matter has rested.

I have lately heard that you had recommended
some one else to publish a Geol. map.
Had you done so I should have expected
you to advise me of the fact, since
you know that in years past I have spent
much time, and many thousands of dollars
out of my own pocket just that to
procure materials for such a map and to
wished to make it a creditable one if
done at all.

The Canadian map will be
published next month, and I shall feel
obliged if you would mention in
the Journal that it is my intention
to continue it on the same scale
through the portions of the U.S. states
South & West - It already extends
as far south as Maryland -

I am very truly Yours
James D. Dana

Prof J. D. Dana
&c &c

James Hall on
Seal Island

Albany July 2d 1864

My Dear Sir

I send to you
address by request the
Rev's Calvin Pease
on the 4th inst on
the Dominie & Professorship
also Oration & complete
a pamphlet copy last year
Dana
last year - Please
distribute - I have
taken the liberty from
Hon Mayo us 3rd postage
on the Rev's Pease,
It becomes a very heavy
charge -

I thank you
for your reference to
my opinions about
Galvanotracks - Yours

I am told by some that when the subject was first suggested to Dr. E. he sent a collection of specimens to the N.Y. Lyceum of Nat Hist.

There were reports to a Committee & the committee refused to receive specimens to me-

I made my report to Mr. W.C. Redfield more elaborately than anything I have said elsewhere - whether the committee rejected or any other form than verbally I do not know - but I have some recollection that Mr. Redfield wrote me that with the animus then manifested toward me by Dr. E. it was thought best not to publish my views.

I am glad you have taken up the subject and am gratified that you can furnish my previously expressed opinion

I am very truly
Yours
James Hall

N. You will see on page 362 that I have taken the liberty giving your name -

Dear Prof. Marsh — Lapham writes that he has sent you a copy of his map: will you have a notice of it [illegible] March no.? — I send some sp^ms with the letters about them.

Yours &c. D.D.

Albany Jany. 14th 1869

Dear Dana

I have just received a Geological Map of Wisconsin ~~by~~ the title of which says "mostly from Original observations by I. A. Lapham &c

I have not often seen what I consider so infamous a piece of piracy — The work of the Geol. Survey and the Labored surveys of Whitney in the lead region are all incorporated without the least credit being given — Lapham has never made a critical survey nor does he know the details and

minutiæ of any book of the
country from his own
observation —

Horrible only because I
presume the Journal will
notice: or possibly may have
noticed it already —

I should have had a
better opinion of Mr Lapsham

I am very truly
Yours
James Hall

Rev J. D. Dana
&c &c

Hall on Hoffman's Map

Albany May 11th 1872

Prof. O. C. Marsh

Dear Sir

I sent you
a few days since two
pamphlets - one Mack,
and the Edmunds and
Miscellaneous - I afterwards
discovered that these
may have been sent to
you by Mr. Lintner during
my absence in April
but I cannot find his
bill and he has been
compelled to remain
for some time at home
on the Care of a severe
illness of his children -
If you have a duplicate
please send it to me

one of your friends and
letter Lucien — I have
at present but a few
75 Cents of the Edmonds
Autograph & commenced
to all I would —

On my return I found
the Gentleman & Lady
a Disjointed Chandelier
& made an explanation
which has been carried
into all Classes
out out — If you
have any letters as I
think you may have
you may like to have
them Exhibited & Declared
a Copy —

With many thanks for favors
received I remain
very Truly Yours &
James Ball

Albany Jany 23d 1873

Prof. O. C. Marsh

My dear Sir. I am writing without having your letter before me, for I have neglected it sadly for so long a time that I do not like to keep it remain longer - Oblivion I can recollect the important parts of your letter, first as to the mammalian remains from Nebraska - They are all packed in boxes for want of room - If you will give me a week's notice of your coming I will have them unpacked and arranged for your inspection and I shall be quite willing and gratified to give you the opportunity of seeing all I have -

In regard to papers from the Cape I fear I cannot give you any satisfaction - I was absent from the end of July till the end of November and for a month the ensuing was too ill or much occupied to take note of anything of the kind - on looking over my accumulated papers received I can find nothing between the dates you mention - I do not however believe it fair to build any inference upon this negative evidence -

I see that you have so high a duck among the vertebrata that you will scarcely find time to go back to the Carnivora - I thank you for the offer of an opportunity of seeing your older fossils, for I am aware that you have many things which I would be glad to see -

I shall be absent except two or three days 3d-4th of July till the 20th July when I intend to go away for a week -

I have been under such a pressure with so many duties and annoyances this last month. That time must be my excuse for so long delay -

I shall hereafter take note of date of receipt of publications

I am very sincerely
Yours &c
James Hall

I am ashamed that
Albany should not have
invited Tyndall & Lecture
here - at least I now
evening -

New York State Museum of Natural History.

Albany, Nov. 6th 1885

My dear Professor

I returned home late last night after a rough passage across the atlantic. Your letter of Oct. 15th, from London came into my hands this A.M. and I have written a circular invitation, Telegraphing names of Committee for your approval - This circular will go out as soon as I get an answer to my Telegram.

Dr. Murray and the Committee here have been working hard to get everything ready for the occasion. To morrow then will present to every member of the Academy and to them an invitation to a Public reception for Friday evening - 10th. Other receptions (private) will follow -

I am very much fatigued from nine days of seasickness, but I hope to see everything prepared for a satisfactory Meeting.

Very Sincerely Yours

James Hall

Prof. O. C. Marsh
President

1890

New York State Museum of Natural History.

Albany, June 30th 1887

Prof. O. C. Marsh

My dear Sir:

Some time ago I obtained permission from Dr. Murray, Secretary of the Board of Regents to send to you one of several collections of fossil Lamellibranchs, which had been selected from our duplicates. I have held the box hoping to be able to add something more, but the pressure of other work - (a volume in press) - has prevented, and finally I sent off the collection with the addition of a cast of the carapace of Stylonurus Excelsior.

I hope the collection may prove acceptable to you, and I trust we may be able to send you other things from our great store of Duplicates.

I am very truly yours

James Hall

University of the State of New York

New York State Museum

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Albany, Feby. 15th 1890

Dear Professor Marsh

Laught to have thanked you before this time for sending me your published rejainder & the base attacks of Cope and others. My excuse is that I have been very hard worked with ordinary duties and more harrassed with defending myself against influences which you have first met. In my case it has been secret intrigueing, espionage, misrepresentation and lying, encouraged by the authorities here, which has made my position worse than a purgatory -

If you can imagine those men who have maligned you & be in position to reach the authorities having power & destroy you, then you can have some idea of the ordeal I have gone through for five years past - To have men & home one has nurtured and educated to become spies upon your conduct and informers against you.

April 5th I had written thus far upon the above date and have not been able to resume the matter until now.

University of the State of New York

New York State Museum

ESTABLISHED 1843

Albany, April 5th *1890*

On Monday following the publication of the attack in the Herald a reporter of that paper called upon me, showing me what had appeared in the Herald of that day - He asked me for an expression of my views, and sent me a copy of the Sunday Herald, as I had not seen it - I wrote a letter which I sent to the reporter on monday evening - after waiting some time and hearing it in the paper I sent a copy to Major Powell, and if you have not seen it I would be glad to have you read it.

The attack was so gross and uncalled for that it has reacted against the parties who violated all pledges and all decency in the course they pursued. It has done harm to no one except themselves.

I feel that I owe Dr Dawson and Major Powell especially an apology for my action in supporting some of these Gentlemen upon the committee last spring. But I had such assurances that I could not doubt.

With extreme regret for this unlucky affair I remain

Very Sincerely Yours

James Hall

University of the State of New York

New York State Museum

ESTABLISHED 1843

Dictated
In reply to yours of

Albany, April 13, 1893.

My dear Prof. Marsh:

I find that it will be quite impracticable for me to attend the meeting of the National Academy in Washington this year. Some matters before our Legislature will compel me to remainhere probably until the 20th which is the date of adjournment. I regret this, but I am helpless.

Prof. Boss called upon me yesterday and told me he had given an invitation through you, to the Academy to appoint the coming atumn meeting in Albany; that Mr. Dewey, Secretary of the Board of Regents had written, giving a cordial invitation to the Academy to meet here at that time. If I can add anything to what you have already received in the way of invitation, I can express myself as coinciding most earnestly with these gentlemen, and so far as myself is concerned will do everything in my power to make the occasion an agreeable one for everybody. For the papers and discussions I have no doubt the Assembly Parlor will be placed at our disposal as at a former occasion. It will be, I believe, eight years since the Academy met in Albany, and

we will hope for favorable actien upon the invitation at your coming meeting.

Very truly yours

James Hall

O. C. Marsh, President,

Nation Academy Sciences.