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House of Representatives U. S.,

Washington, D. C., February 4, 1884.

Professor O. C. Marsh,

President National Academy of Sciences, New Haven Conn.

My dear Sir:

It has been suggested that a sum of money be placed at the disposition of the National Academy of Sciences for prosecuting the investigation as to the feasibility of making sugar from sorghum at a cost to enable it to compete with foreign grown sugars. It seems to me that this investigation should be made and I should be glad to be informed how much money you think ought to be appropriated for this purpose. Your early reply will oblige

Very truly yours

Alvan S. Hunt

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New Haven Feb 5 1888 4

To Hon. A. S. Hewett,

Washington D.C.

Your letter received. Will answer  
as soon as I can consult  
with Council of National  
Academy of Sciences

O. C. Marsh

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Mr Hewitt is now  
in New York - will  
return late Monday  
evening. C. H. Ridenour  
Clerk W. A. S. H.

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House of Representatives U. S.,

Washington, D. C., May 3rd....., 1886 .

Prof. O. C. Marsh

Yale College, New Haven, Conn.

My dear Professor:

After I have read the bill of Mr. Herbert I shall be able to judge whether he proposes to destroy any legitimate progeny of the system of which you are good enough to say I am the father. There is such a thing as abusing the law. I do not say that it has been done, but I know very great prejudice has been created in the minds of members of Congress by the character and cost of the publications produced by the Geological Survey. All that I ever aimed at was to secure such a survey as we have had in New Jersey with a good geological and topographical map of the United States. I never contemplated the establishment of a scientific publication department for original research. It seems to me the attempt has been too ambitious, and like pride has o'erlept itself. Nevertheless, I will do what I can to prevent injury to that portion of the work which is really valuable and productive.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas S. Hunt