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Prof. O. C. Marsh

Yale College. New Haven Ct.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 18th inst. recd this morning. I am happy to learn from it that you are so well pleased with the collection of specimens I sent you. I have now on hand a larger and better assortment, that I have collected since I forwarded your box, I would like to have you see.

I have one Plate of Fossil Fish about two feet square. In one ledge where I get Fossil Fish I find portions of an impression made by something that does not belong to the family of ordinary fishes. To get the entire thing out would require a great deal of labor.

Mr. Field has a petrification (Bone) that has evidently been the member of a very large animal. There is two pieces of this specimen, I judge to be the thigh bone joint. The parties who found it say there is other portions on the ground ~~what~~ where that came from. They saw some of the ribs which they describe as being two feet or more in length. I think that with a little perseverance and intelligence, the entire form could be found and brought together. The place is not over fifty miles distant from this place.

I have in my new collection cabinet, sand scape rock, and porcupines in mass and loose. In one of the masses of Porcupines is two or three shells quite new to me.

I consider your offer a very fair one, and

think I will accept it. As I understand it, you will
furnish me.

I will feel greatly for the favor if you will
bring me a pair of Smith & Wesson holster pistols - when
you come out West (I want the improved kind - 44 Calibre)
I shall write and inform me when
you start west.

Yours Very Respectfully
J. Henry Johnson

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Green River N.T.

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Dr. Sir: I have shipped
specimens in compliance with
your ~~last~~ directions & Carter's.
Mr. Field retains the jaw bones and
teeth for your ^{frater} directions. I collected
and have together all the stray
portions of bones held by different
parties in town, which I will retain
until I make another shipment.

I have employed a man and
team and will start from here tomorrow
morning to fulfill your instructions.
I have been waiting for my
package from Bridger ~~else~~ I should
be out ~~now~~ in the hills now.

Yours Alt. Servt

J. Henry Johnson