

Headquarters Department of the Platte.

U. S. ENGINEER OFFICE,

Omaha, Neb., 3 June 1872.

Dear Sir:

I am under instructions to take an exploring party into the field this season, and propose to make a preliminary geological and geographical examination of the country lying between the Big Horn River and the basin of the upper Yellowstone, ^{I propose also} entering the latter region if possible from the east or southeast. The expedition is being fitted out under the auspices of these headquarters and will be well provided with escort, supplies &c. I am desirous of having the expedition accompanied by a competent geologist, and have gone over the foregoing details with the hope that I might excite your interest to the extent that you might be willing to aid me in finding such a person. I can pay him \$125⁰⁰ and perhaps \$150⁰⁰ per month and will pay his fare from and to his home. (over.)

I expect to start in 3 or 4 weeks from now, and will probably return not later than the 1st of December.

It seems to me that this is a good opportunity for some student of Science, and being desirous of developing information that is reliable and accurate, I throw myself upon your favor, feeling that your love for Science will be my sufficient excuse.

I should esteem it a favor to receive any suggestions from you as to the best ~~things~~^{work} I can do for Science in the region referred to.

Very Respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt

Prof. O. L. Marsh
Yale College

W. A. Jones
Captain of Engineers

New Haven

Connecticut

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Omaha Neb

15 Nov/72

Dear Sir:

I have in my possession a few fossils (teeth, jawbones, vertebrae and scraps) which I found while making a survey near Fort Laramie. The circumstances of location being a little peculiar. I have thought they might be of interest to you, and will forward them to you if you desire it. The spot is about 30 miles S. E. from Fort Laramie. I should judge it

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to have been a small island at least
10 miles from the nearest shore of the
ancient lake.

Very Respectfully Yours
(Capt.) W. A. Jones
Captain of Engineers

I have also some shells in what seems to
me to be quartz, which I found in the Uintah
Mts. on the Sheep Creek trail about 16 miles from
Henry's Fork. As I was on ~~some~~ trail of the
year before, perhaps you have found the same
thing. ~ W. A. J.

Omaha Neb

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My Dear Professor:

I have rec^d

yours of 26 Dec together with the
package of pamphlets for which I
am greatly obliged.

The fossils went on per express a
few days ago. I hope they will reach
you in time. I have ^{been} confined to the
house with the epizootic disease or
something ~~very~~ very like it, a good deal

since my return from Salt Lake City
or I would have sent them on to you
sooner. Tief Liebe meine Drückfeste Lektion

just zu kommen - so good bye

Very Truly Yours

(Capt) W. A. Jones

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To Prof O Marsh

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