

St. Louis, May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1885

Prof. C. C. Marsh

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Dear Sir,

I received from my friend Dr S. S. Bedal of Eagle Pass Texas, late of the U.S. A., a letter of the date of the 17<sup>th</sup> inst. in which he informs me that he has shipped you the bag of bones of the solid hooped hog and which I suppose you have received.

It is the skeleton of a full grown sow, that I bought at Santa Rosa (that is the common name of the place though the legal name is Villa de Musquiz) state of Coahuila Mexico.

The sow had a litter of pigs by an ordinary boar and the pigs of said <sup>litter</sup> I saw. About half were with split hoofs and half with solid hoofs, none having some of <sup>its</sup> hoofs split while others solid.

I remain Yours respectfully

John H. Judson

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St. Louis, June 5<sup>th</sup> 1885

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My dear Sir,

I have sent your letter of May 30<sup>th</sup> to Dr Bedal who communicates with every one who has had any thing to do with the skeleton of the sow and try to find the small bones which are lacking.

I regret that any part is missing for I tried to impress on the Mexican to whom I entrusted the matter to be careful.

You know that I got one pig alive into the U.S. and when I heard that it had been stolen I wrote <sup>from Sierra Mojada</sup> to a Mexican friend at Villa de Musquiz and directed him to purchase the sow, whose bones I have sent you, and have it killed and the bones kept for my future orders.

He had one of his servants kill the sow and afterwards assured me that he had saved every bone.

As at that time it was nearly 300 miles <sup>from Villa de Musquiz</sup> to the railroad I made no effort to have the skeleton shipped you supposing it was safe as it was sewed up in a canvas bag.

I hope that Dr Bedal will be successful in securing the missing bones and regret that I have not been more successful but when you learn that I was living nearly 300 miles from where I procured the sow and had to depend entirely on men that I hired you will

understands how the carelessness arose.

Remain Yours  
John N. Jackson