

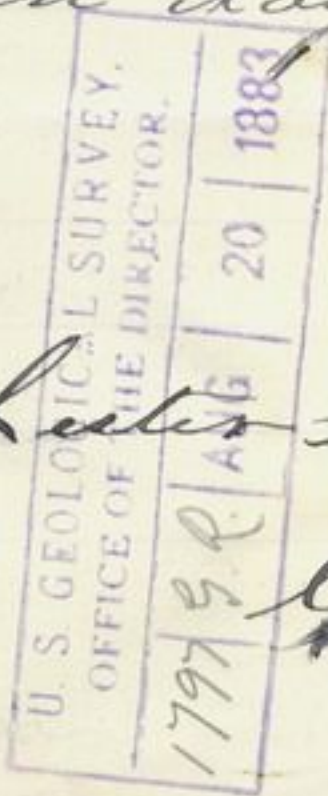
Dickinson D. C. July 27 1883

Dear Sir

I know where there is a skeleton of a mastodon. It is about eighty miles from Glendive; but is within thirty of the line of road. If it is an object of interest to you I should be pleased to show it to you. I shall be here for about ten days.

Yours truly
John Martin

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Glendive
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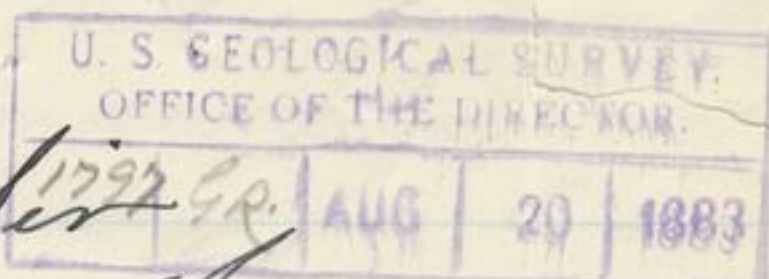
John Martin

Respectfully referred to the Director
U.S.G.S.



Prof. Lester F. Ward
Glendive
U.S. Geological Survey } Mont.

Dickenson Aug 6 1883



Dear Sir

In answer to yours of the 4th inst, would say that I intend to go on to the Buffalo range in a few days, I shall probably winter in Miles City; if the bones of the Mastodon are an object of interest I could get them and ship them in the Spring. I think the skeleton is entire. I will only be able to get my mail at irregular intervals after leaving here, but a letter Care of Gas Butternore, will reach me if written prior to first of December after that date Care of J. Silverman Miles City Mont. The skeleton

is in the "Bad Lands" about
thirty miles from the mouth
of Powder River. The bones
that are exposed are slightly
decayed, those that are cov-
ered are probably in a
good state of preservation
and if coated with shellac
as soon as exhumed would
probably resist the action
of the air.

Very respectfully

John Martin

Prof. Lester F. Ward
U. S. Geological Survey
Gardiner
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Glendive Mont.

Aug 6th

Ward Lester J.

Refer letters from
John Martin about
a Mastodon's skeleton.
(2 letters encl'd.)

Refer to Marsh

Geol. Survey office
Wash. Aug 20, '83.

Respectly. referred to
Prof. O. D. Marsh,
Paleontologist,

In absence and by
order of the Director.

Yours, &c.

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James E. Smith
Chief Clerk.