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WASHINGTON, D. C., January 14, 1898.

Professor O. C. Marsh,
Yale College,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Professor Marsh:

In the work of clearing out the storage rooms in the basement of the Smithsonian Institution we find a box of books which according to our records are your private property. It is necessary that we make some other ^{disposal} use of the material and, thinking it possible you would prefer to have it shipped to New Haven, I drop you this note. If you will please give the matter your prompt attention, I will be greatly obliged.

Yours very truly,

John A. Merrill
Acting Executive Curator.

Merrill Box of Books
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SECRETARY, SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 4, 1899.

Prof. O.C. Marsh,
Yale College,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Prof. Marsh:

Shortly after his return from New Haven, some months ago, Mr. Schuchert laid before me your verbal proposition to donate the National Museum a series of polished limestone spheres on condition that the same be exhibited in a special case and under your name as donor.

Owing to the confused condition of our exhibition halls at that time- a confusion incidental to the construction of the new galleries, I did not feel like making a definite answer and hence asked that the matter be postponed; moreover, I expected to go East during the holidays and hoped to be able to call on you in New Haven. Unfortunately fate in the guise of the Grippe ruled otherwise, so delay has followed delay until I fear you are out of patience.

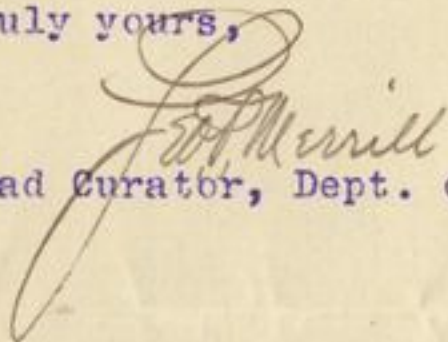
I now want to say that we fully appreciate your generosity and of course want the spheres. I do not feel sure, however, that I quite understand what you mean by a special case and in order that there shall be no possible misunderstanding write for further information.

But I may say here, that we are not ^{at present} using special cases in any of the divisions of the department, and all our regular cases are too large to be devoted to a single exhibit. I will suggest that you let us have the balls to be installed on the shelves in our gem collection, each to bear the donors name. In this way the "setting" will prove much more attractive and I am sure will prove much more satisfactory to all concerned than though installed in a small special. Indeed the special case has proven so unsatisfactory that we have practically done away with it.

If you will kindly signify your agreement with the above I shall take pleasure in laying the matter before the Secretary.

I have read with great pleasure your article on Museum Types, and subscribe fully to the views expressed.

Very truly yours,


Head Curator, Dept. of Geology.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.,

Jan. 30, 1899.

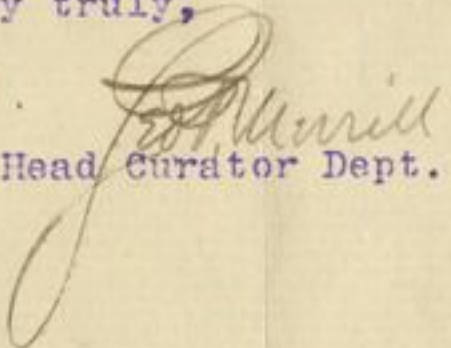
Prof. O. C. Marsh,
Yale Museum, New Haven,
Connecticut.

Dear Prof. Marsh;

In response to yours of Jan. 27th I send you herewith the pamphlet on Numidian Marble, and will also enclose a couple of shipping labels. The balls had presumably best come by fast freight.

With many thanks for the interest you are taking in the matter, I am,

Yours very truly,


Head Curator Dept. of Geology.

Dictated.

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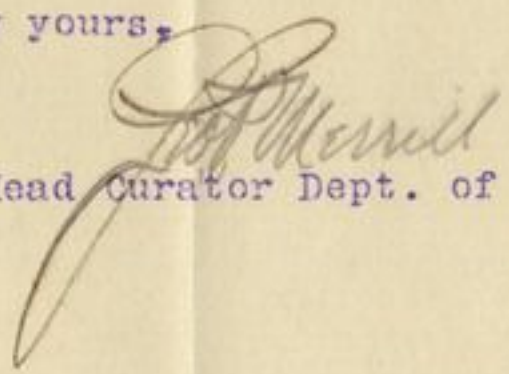
March 2, 1899.

Prof. O. C. Marsh,
New Haven, Connecticut.

Dear Prof. Marsh;

You have already been notified of the receipt of the polished spheres of Japanese breccia. The purpose of this note is merely to announce to you the sending to you under separate cover a photograph showing the manner of installing. I trust the same will prove satisfactory to you.

Very truly yours,


Head Curator Dept. of Geology.

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