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LAREDO, TEXAS.

JULY 16 1884

PROF. BAIRD,

DEAR SIR:

I AM TOLD BY A GERMAN PROFESSOR THAT I HAVE A GREAT CURIOSITY (VIZ) TWO JOINTS OF THE BACK BONE OF A ICHTHYOSAURUS PETRIFIED. FOUND IN RIO GRAND. THE TWO JOINTS WEIGH ABOUT TWO HUNDRED POUNDS I COULD GET SEVERAL MORE PIECES BUT I AM A VERY POOR MAN AND I CAN NOT AFFORD TO PAY FOR GETTING THEM OUT.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF THEY ARE OF USE TO YOU, AND WHAT THEY ARE WORTH AND HOW TO SHIP THEM TO YOU.

I BEG TO REMAIN,

YOURS VERY RESPECTFULLY,

W. H. NELSON,

COPY FOR MAJOR J.W. POWELL,

DIRECTOR BUREAU OF ETHNOLOGY &C.

U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY,  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR.

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Wood's Hall, Mass.  
Aug 7, 1884.

Dauid, Prof. S. F.

Refers letter of W. H.  
Nelson, who wishes  
to dispose of the  
joints of the back-  
bone of a Ichthyo-  
saurus.

August 9.

Respectfully referred to  
Prof. O. C. Marsh for his  
information and action.

Director.

Wed - Aug 9. Hanging Post Dauid -

Written up and  
up to O. C. Marsh. Parcel  
is in charge  
Post - Aug 9.