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San Diego June 19

Prof t. b. Marsh

Dear Sir

I was detained upon the Island of Guadelupe four months more than was my intention as no boat could be induced to come for me before arrived in this place quite sick with many things claiming my attention is the cause of my not writing to you before I did not make much of a collection ~~on~~ Guadelupe it is a very mountainous and desolate Island its shores are not attractive for water birds as only a stray Cormorant or Gull was occasionally seen, only specimens interesting to you was the skeletons

of a small species of mice
some of both sexes was sent
several days since in a box
containing a fine specimen
of crockery made by the Temecula
Indians near this place. Am
sorry my trip produced nothing
more interesting to you, made
a diligent search for Indian
remains but not the least trace
that an Indian ever live on
the Island could be found.

As I hope to visit many of the
Indian tribes also visit locali-
ties and will secure what ever
comes in my way that is desired
by you. On reaching this place
it seemed to late to go to Alas-
ka this season so have con-
cluded to make collections in
this section during the summer.

In the box sent is some
things for Prof Verrel please

hand them over to him.

Am told of a fossil locality
down the coast of Lower Cal-
ifornia Am trying to hunt up
all the information relating to
it and should it warrant a visit
will try and examine it if trans-
portation can be obtained to the
locality. I am for three months
or more engaged by the Depart-
ment of Agriculture to collect
plants & seeds Woodcock for its
centennial collection. After
which unless something else
turns up, will have time for
any thing else worthy of attention.

Truly yours
Edward Palmer.

St George Utah
Jan 4th 1876

Prof Marsh

Dear Sir

Yesterday I forwarded from this place two boxes and two packages, ^{contents} described in the accompanying list. Some of the specimens seem to me of more than ordinary interest coming from a mound those who found it must have been the same race as the Mogua, Pimo & Maracopa Indians now inhabiting Arizona.

I leave this place to morrow for San Bernardino California to examine another Indian mound and to visit an interesting tribe of Indians from which hope to obtain many interesting things.

Please inform me if these packages reach you I sent two previous lots but have not heard of their arrival hope they have been received in one box was some things for Prof Eaton which might ^{be} injured if box closed up.

I send a few things from the Pah Ute Indians that seemed to me would be acceptable to you.

The 12 Earthen vessels from mound are very fine if they are some broken but are put together with the only thing to be had paste & paper by washing the paper off a little at a time the pieces can be readily adjusted.

Very Respectfully
Yours &c
Edward Palmer
San Bernardino
California.