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New Haven, Conn., May 31, 1892.

My dear Mr. Platt, -

I believe I have never had occasion to trouble

you about Government, Connecticut, or personal matters, but the recent ac-  
*in cutting out of* tion of the House *(all appropriation for Paleontology)* on the sundry civil bill is really a blow at all three,

*and* *therefore* and I write ~~to you~~ frankly for your assistance, in having the matter put ~~right~~  
right in the Senate, as otherwise a great injury will be done to science,

and the Geological Survey, as well as to Yale College and myself.

You know, of course, that for the last ten years I have had charge of  
the division of vertebrate paleontology of the Geological Survey, and I can  
assure <sup>you</sup> that I have done my best to make it a success. The attack of Herbert  
in the House on all the paleontology of the Survey was in part ~~a personal one~~  
due to <sup>a</sup> personal ~~considerations~~ <sup>grievance</sup> with which I ~~had~~ <sup>have</sup> nothing to do. As I had  
warning of his assault, I sent to my cousin, Mr. Outhwaite, of Ohio, a letter  
which he read in part in the House ( Congressional Record, May 20, p. 4901 )  
You will also find a letter from Major Powell about the importance of Paleon-  
tology to the Survey in the Record, ~~for~~ May 25, p. 5127, and the final vote of  
the House in the Record, May 28, p. 5270.

I suppose that at least the limited amount originally in the sundry  
civil bill will be put back by the Senate, but whether it will be kept in by  
the conference committee is the question. You can do me a great favor, and  
a greater one to science, by aiding in this good work.

Yours, very truly,

( Signed ) O. B. Marsh.

Hon. O. H. Platt, U. S. Senate.

Letter to O. W. Platt.

May 31. 92

(Essentially the same  
to Senator Dawes. June 6, 92)

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United States Senate,

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 6, 1892.

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

My dear Sir:-

I have your letter about the appropriation for Paleontological work, and I have seen our Committee on Appropriations in relation to it. Senator Allison, the chairman, seems to be somewhat troubled by the complaints of a Mr. Osborn in regard to your work. I presume you have heard all about it through Major Powell, to whom Senator Allison said he had sent Mr. Osborn's letter.

Yours truly,

*O. N. Platt*

SENATE CHAMBER

WASHINGTON

Long Lake N. Y.

Sep 1<sup>n</sup> 1892

My dear Professor

Yours of 23<sup>d</sup> Aug reaches me here. We will straighten out the Geological Survey in the future I think. but at the last session there was no stopping the raid - Those who had any kind of a quarrel either personal or on account of the non performance of work where they wanted it combined with those who insisted on economy and were strong enough to carry their point

Very truly Yours

O. W. Platt