

Philadelphia, Oct 29, 1870

The Trustees of the Peabody Museum
of Yale College.

Gentlemen

We take
pleasure in offering for the acceptance
of your institution - the collection
of Fossils which belonged to the late
Wm. C. Peabody. The collection is espec-
ially rich in the department of fossil
Ichthyology - and containing as it
does - a most full representation of
the fishes of the Sandstone formation
of Massachusetts, Connecticut & New
Jersey - we feel sure that in your hands,
it will become more useful - to students
of ~~jurassic~~ Mesozoic Geology - than
it could be made in any other way.

The collection also contains
many European Ichthyolites - a suite

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of Malta fossils - and a few representatives of all the principal geological formations.

Please acknowledge receipt of the collection to the undersigned who remain with great respect

Yours Respectfully

John W. Redfield

Philip R

Chas B. Redfield

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Yale College New Haven Conn.
Dec. 24th 1870.

To John H Redfield, and Charles B.
Redfield, Esquires.

Gentlemen.

The Trustees
of the Peabody Museum of Yale College
received with much pleasure your
letter of the 29th of Oct. presenting to
the Museum the Collection of Fossils
which belonged to the late William
C. Redfield Esq.

This important addition to our
Geological Department has since
been received, and is a most
acceptable gift. Containing as it
does the most ~~comprehensive~~ complete

series of fossil fishes from the Connecticut Valley ever brought together, it will be especially valuable to our institution which is ~~now~~ endeavoring to illustrate as fully as possible the interesting forms of animal life that occupied the region during the ~~mesozoic~~ period, Cretaceous Age.

The Collection you have so generously presented will be preserved with care in the Peabody Museum, not merely on account of its great intrinsic and scientific value, but also as a memento of its original possessor, who did so much to advance various departments of ~~science~~ ~~knowledge~~

I remain,

with high respect,

very truly yours,

O. Marsh

Secretary.