

Troyville, Conn. April 5th 1877.

Prof O. C. Marsh.

Dear Sir.

Since my last interview with you, I have been considering quite seriously of disposing of my collection. I have pretty much made up my mind, that it is better for a collection of this nature to belong to some public institution, rather than a private individual, and while it is my most earnest wish that it should go to Yale, yet I do not feel as though I could make an out and out gift of it. I have spent a deal of hard personal labor upon it, and some \$8000. in money, besides my individual expenses, and now feel as though my name should be identified with it, both on all of what I have done and as an incentive to future operations. I suppose there are objections to this in a public collection though I know ^{well} what they may be. But if you should want the collection with the above connections, I would make a large

sacrifices, that Fate might seem to
I should be pleased to meet Mr. Farnum and
yourself at any time you may name in Hartford
and show it to you.

Believe me with greatest respect and esteem,

Your truly
James King

Railford, Conn. June 1st 1877.

Prof O. S. Marsh.

My Dear Sir.

Your note of the 20th ult came to hand during my absence down in Arkansas & Missouri (wound opening) from which I returned last evening.

It will give me pleasure to meet Mr. Farnum and yourself either next week or the week after, suitably you now convening, by dropping me a line the day before here! N^o 330 Main St.

Believe me with respect & esteem.

Truly yours
James Terry

Castroville, June 6th 1877.

Prof O. S. Marsh.

My dear Sir,

I came from
 Mr. Fletcher the Librarian today that both
 yourself & Mr. Tamm, visited my collection
 during my absence West. I regret exceedingly
 that I was not present to show it to you,
 there being much that needed explaining
 and many things concealed from view, the
 being a ton of material in the basement unpacked -
 and it was impossible to form a correct view
 of the articles in the case without handling
 them. However I don't suppose you can spare
 the time to visit it again at present, I must
 forego the pleasure of a few hours of your company
 during my absence. I should be pleased to hear
 from you respecting what you thought of it.
 I saw Professor with great respect & esteem.

Yours truly
 James Barry

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 Hartford, Conn. June 13th 1877.
 Prof O. C. Marsh.

My dear Sir.

Obeying your injunction as well as the Ministers in having "thought of it" I have arrived at the following ultimatum as to what I am willing to do with my collection. As I stated to you in person I am extremely desirous that Yale should have it and am willing all the sacrifice I can afford that you may secure it, and it seems to me as though this branch of science should have friends enough in Yale to raise the amount.

The collection has cost me prior to my last trip to Missoula & Shoshone a little over \$8000, the last addition cost \$7000. Of course I think it worth a much greater sum than it cost & do not think a collection of the variety & extent can be brought together for a similar cost. However you are a better judge of these matters than I am.

Will take \$4500, \$3000 down in Cash & the balance in 2 years time, or if Yale has sufficient

Pottery. I will retain the last lot and you can have
it for \$4000. I saw Carl's list as before. There is some
175 pieces of pottery in the collection already and about
a ton of California water pipes (5 Boxes) and
a great many choice little things now containing in Boxes
in the Case which you were unable to see when he
was which add vastly to the interest of the collection.

As you are well away I have no room to extend
my gatherings, or even to display all that I have
and feel as though I must do something with it
this Summer. It has grown to be an individual
I cannot handle it properly - and if I do not
feel as though she could take it, I shall offer it de-
voted. Am willing to leave this offer open for a week
or ten days and will of course extend the time if you
think a probability of accepting it.

Believe me Sir with the greatest respect & esteem

Very truly yours
James Terry -

Rutledge, Tenn. Aug. 17th 1877.

Prof O. C. Marsh.

My Dear Sir. I have just returned from
a two weeks trip to Ohio. but seem nothing of any
use for my collection. Parties there are anxious
to negotiate, receive what I have. but refusing
until I hear from you again. as I promised
you the refusal when last I saw you. I sold 6
specimens of the Missouri pottery to a friend of mine
who "Kunglen", for \$50.⁰⁰ but as they were duplicates
and you already possess duplicates of the same, it
is of small use. I should like extremely well
to be present at Nashville. but other matters
will prevent my going. Please inform me of
your decision as to taking the collection.

Yours truly,
James H. Hays

American Museum Nat Hist.

8th Ave 577th St

Dec 27th 1882

My Esteemed Professor,

In Mr. Hager's suggestion
 send you the enclosed, you can see them as you
 see fit & return at your leisure. I was at
 New Haven last week to see you, but uning,
 I have perhaps one or two little items of interest
 from the Pacific Coast which I should like
 to talk over with you when next you are in the
 City.

With assurance of high esteem regard
 I am

Your obedient Servant
 James Terry

Prof O. C. Marsh
 New Haven
 Conn.

