



Washington D.C.

March 4th 1871

Prof C March
My Dear Sir

Your note of
30th Dec. long since meriting
an answer is now before
me - I was glad to receive
and should have willingly
acquiesced to your desires
as therein expressed, the
serious drawback being
that the contemplated expedition
for the fall of 1870 did
not take the field but
a more perfect arrangement
under far superior auspices
will do so in the spring

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that I will only be able
to remain over one train
in New Haven -
I shall be glad to collect such
specimens as you mention
and furnish to you
from among specimens
collected in duplicate or triplicate
anything possible that may
be placed in your Museum

I discover that one of my
troubles will be to find a
young and efficient Geologist
who can bear hard usage & who
has a mind capable of
expansion, besides a
comprehensive education -
Expect to leave here
on my Monday eve

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of 1871 - I am thankful
to you for bringing any
feature of my case to
Gen Sherman - Most of
the detail of my plans
are perfected, and in a
day or two shall visit
^{Boston}
~~New Haven~~ passing
through New Haven - Will
then endeavor to remain
over a few of the day
hours and I see you if
only for a short time -
I am anxious also to
meet Mr King & Gardner
and am sorry that my
time is so short

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g l m and start for B-h
Wed or Thurs g morn following
at 8 a. m.

Excuse this tardy
acknowledgment of yours
of 31st Dec -

Very truly
yours
George W. Wheeler
Lieut of Engineers

United States Engineer Office,

Geographical Explorations and Surveys West of the 100th Meridian,

P. O. Lock Box 93.

Washington, D. C., January 27th, 1876.

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


Dear Sir:

In February 1874 fifty-six specimens (most of them fragmentary in character) of vertebrates were sent to you from this office. I am uncertain whether I have a definite idea as to their value, or as to whether you have made any special discoveries in connection with them. As this office is responsible for these specimens I have thought that you would be good enough to make a report of some kind upon them. If they are worthless they might be returned and you could thus be relieved of them, at the same time, if they would be of any advantage in elaborating

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results from a series of fossils collected
at the same locality use could be made
of them in this way.

When they were sent
to you I doubted very much whether
they would be of any special value, by
themselves, but always thought they
would help to piece out a collection
or collections from the same locality

Yours very truly
Geo New keeler
Lieut. of Engineers,
In Charge.

W. L. G.


United States Engineer Office,

Geographical Explorations and Surveys West of the 100th Meridian,

P. O. Lock Box 93.

Washington, D. C., February 5th, 1876.

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

Sir:-

I send you to day a small lot of vertebrate fossils from Padito, Colorado. They were collected in 1875, by Sicut. Carpenter, who reports the region about Padito on both sides of the Amerfano Valley as appearing very promising for vertebrate and invertebrate fossils.

The bad land formation lies between the Southern end of the Greenhorn range and the Sangre del Cristo Mountains, and is mostly covered by the foot hills, so that the exposed area is quite small; but it is thought that some good things could be obtained from this locality

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by careful search.

Very respectfully,
Geo Wheeler
Lieut. of Engineers,
In charge.