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Want to send Matthei on  
into the field the whole of  
this year - Prof. W. & Fall,  
will subscribe. I wish to get  
3-4 of the Museum East -

"I will hold myself responsible  
for the faithful performance  
of the work from the time he  
takes the field - accidents  
& sickness excepted - I will  
direct M. where to collect &  
how long to spend at the  
various localities - After  
the collections are all in,  
I will go over the material,  
divide & and assign by lot  
the portions belonging to  
each subscriber, will label a  
pile series, thereby rendering the

sets typical - I ask in  
return for my services the  
privilege of taking out for  
my collection such specimens  
as are necessary to fill  
deficiencies, nothing more.  
and as you know that now  
my collection rivals that  
of the State, and except for that  
is unequalled, my total on  
the collections will therefore  
be a very light one. We will  
pay Matthewson \$150 per  
month, he paying his own  
expenses out of that, and  
he will keep the piece as  
long as the money lasts. It  
will be a chance that you will  
probably never have again

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He wants therefore \$300  
in gold, from the Museum  
fund -

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San Francisco

June 9<sup>th</sup> /72

My dear Professor Marsh:

Voy over love me!

but I am puzze to that, However Darwin has  
 about given up the idea of raising the money  
 for that collection. The new voy proposes to sell it  
 to some mining speculator here. A college in  
 Indiana has bought Yates's collection & paid the  
 money for it. I will soon try to raise  
 "hard cash" in Indiana than in California.

Your last Darwin's discoveries are proving  
 wonderfully interesting.

I know nothing of the Association mat-  
 ters. The Masters of the <sup>California</sup> Academy & the Committee  
 of the Chamber of Commerce have held several  
 meetings, I believe; but they have never asked  
 me to meet with them. The management of the  
 Academy is now entirely in the hands of business  
 men & they have cut me off from all partici-  
 pation in it by electing me an honorary mem-  
 ber. There has been a kind of a "muzz" <sup>in</sup>  
 the Academy owing to its having been taken pos-  
 session of by unscientific men, and I don't  
 say that they may have some influence in  
 causing the apparent indifference to the holding  
 of the meetings of the Association here.

I suppose, however, that the "Litch" was  
 this: that Lawrence Smith could no longer  
 control the New Passy, permitted, owing to  
 the expulsion of "Tom Scott" from the Presidency  
 of the U.P. And Lovemey, I guess, does  
 not want to come unless all his expenses  
 are paid. The people here have  
 not the least idea of contributing to pay the  
 personal expenses of the members. I am  
 rather disposed to think that such a thing should  
 be thought of. If my advice were asked  
 I should incline to the belief that the  
 meeting here would not be very successful,  
 unless some "free press" from Europe can  
 be procured. But then I am rather in a  
 poor frame of mind just at present, for  
 a variety of reasons; one of which is, that I  
 have got to run the survey for a year with  
 on my own funds exclusively.

In fact I have made up my mind  
 to close the field-work of the survey, & pub-  
 lish what is under way, & then resign the  
 position, unless previous notice be  
 by the Governor, who is constantly threatening  
 my life, so that I hardly dare breathe, lest my  
 health drop off.

Your friend

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