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Lowell, Mass,

July 26<sup>th</sup> 1875.

Prof. O.C. Marsh:

My Dear Sir:

The active in-  
-terest you have taken in the welfare of  
the Indian tribes of the west, and the  
vigor with which you are pushing an  
investigation into the affairs of the Indian  
Bureau at Washington attracts the attention  
and admiration of all right-minded men.

In the course of a conversation with  
Rev. W. Willey of Andover a few days since,  
I learned that, having been for 30 years  
a missionary of the American Board resi-  
-dent among the Cherokees, he is very famil-  
-iar with the manner in which they have  
been treated or defrauded by contractors and  
Government agents, and it has occurred  
to me that perhaps some statement from

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him, covering his personal experiences in those matters might in some way be of service to you, and through you to the country. He tells me he will write you in the course of a few days, and when he shall have done so, you will be able to form an opinion of the value of his information.

My own familiarity with the operations of the Interior Department warranted me in the assertion that if you continue the prosecution of your charges as published, the civilized world will be astounded at the revelation of the abominable villainies which have been practiced by that Department under cover of Law, and the sanction of the General Government.

You will doubtless remember me especially when you look back in memory to the old days at Andover.

I am, very respectfully &c.

William H. Woodbury.