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Williamstown, Mar. 4, 1871.

Dear Marsh,

I have been here now some three days, and am beginning to feel settled again, having got most of my things unpacked and in order, and finished some of the miscellaneous business which always accumulates in one's absence.

When I was at home I made diligent inquiries about the moose, but I fear with not very satisfactory results. The animal was cut up the very day it was killed, and was very soon distributed in various directions. From

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from somebody's "corral". Rumor says that Mrs. Cole of Hartford has lost a pair of moose, and that these animals came from that direction. If that is true you will undoubtedly consider the bones doubly valuable. Let me know whether you receive them all right. Give my affectionate regards to the "club". What news in N.H.? It seems an age already, since I was there. How is our friend Miss R.? Has she left N.H. yet? Let me hear from you very soon, and believe me,

Very truly yours,

Arthur W. Wright

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what I could learn I judge that it will be possible to secure the head and perhaps one or two of the legs, if the latter were merely jointed at the knee, and not sawed off. I engaged a good man to attend to it, and he has promised to get the head and what else he can, and forward them by express to your address, which I gave him. I hope they will get to you safely and soon. The animal when killed had a strap around its neck, with an iron ring in it, and had evidently escaped

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Williamstown, May 1, 1871

Dear March,

It grieves my heart to be obliged to cause an additional pang of disappointment to you, after the misery you have undergone in the matter of the moose.

I made inquiries about it when I was at home, but found that nothing could be done.

The legs had been "sawed off" and were distributed far and

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wide, and the rustic
geniuses were saving
the bones as trophies,
and could not be
induced to part with
them. Another hunt-
er had got the head,
but what he intended
to do with it, I haven't
the faintest idea,
but he steadfastly
declined to part with
the treasure, for science,
love, or money. The
man whom I sent
to gather up the frag-
ments said the fellow
had cut off the

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lower jaw, so that he
has doubtless rendered
it quite unavailable
for purposes of science.
I am sorry, but such
is life. It is tolera-
bly quiet in this rural
town at present.

Carter has not yet
returned, but is expect-
ed this week.

What news in N. H.?
Would that I might
be there a while
again. Give my
affectionate regards
to the club. I shall
be glad to hear from

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you if your fossils
can spare your atten-
tion for intervals long
enough to write a
letter.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur W. Wright-