

Ira Lucas to Cope regarding shipment which contains a skull "like Felch has found":

Cañon City 1-17-1884

Prof. E.D. Cope

Dear Friend

Last evening I received yours of the 12th Containing Dft on N.Y. for \$250.00 I am very thankful for the favor.

Yesterday I shipped 8 Boxes to you
No XVIII also marked Sk is the Box containing the skull. It is the smallest Box.

If you can possibly tell me when you would want me to commence work again, it will be of great advantage to both of us as I can engage the man who was with me last summer if I were certain that you would want work resumed again next spring. He is a first rate hand. I have to pay him more than ordinary & he does good work. He is a pleasant man to have & therefore I want to keep him if I knew you would want the work to commence soon.

Did you receive a small vertebra by mail- what is it? I have been tracing the fossil strata here & think that this skull I send you is in the same one in which Marsh's man is at work & he tells me that he found 3 or 4 this last summer.

I suppose that I will have no opportunity to secure any skulls except to dig for them.

If you have an opportunity to secure any reports on Geology & Paleontology please remember me.

Yours truly

Ira H. Lucas

P.S. I send a list of Bones in these Boxes.

Original in the archive at the American Museum of Natural History in New York.

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J. A. S. 2202

P.S. I am a member
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