

January 6, 1904.

Mr. R. A. Franks,
c/o Home Trust Co.,
Hoboken, N. J.

My Dear Mr. Franks;-

I have been so pressed with various duties of late that I have neglected to reply to your kind lines of November the 14th, in which you inform me that Mr. Carnegie has instructed you to renew his appropriation to the Museum for paleontological work during the year upon which we are entering. I had hoped before this date to have had time to have prepared a financial statement to submit to you, but I hope to find time within a day or two to accomplish the task. I may say to you that I have at present on hand a balance of a little more than four hundred dollars in the fund devoted to paleontological research, an amount not sufficient to meet certain accrued obligations and to pay the salaries on the first day of February. I shall therefore be obliged to you at your earliest convenience if you will send me a check for ten thousand dollars, as you did last year. There are, as you are aware, two enterprises which Mr. Carnegie is carrying on at the same time, the supervision of which he has entrusted to me. One is the task of paleontological research, for which he is making provision by his annual grant of ten thousand dollars a years; the other is the work of making the restoration of the skeleton of *Diplodocus carnegii* for the British Museum. You will recall that you received instructions from him last April to send me money for the latter account from time to time as it might be necessary. I called upon you for a thousand dollars shortly after you received these instructions, which you sent me. At a later date I applied to this fund fifteen hundred dollars of the balance remaining in my hands after purchasing the Bayet collection, making twenty-five hundred dollars which I have received on this account. There remains at this time in my hand on this account only about \$240.00, which is not enough to meet the salaries of the five workmen I employed with the idea of rushing this work through to completion. You will therefore oblige me by sending me at the same time that you send me the check for paleontological research, two thousand dollars which you will charge to the restoration of *Diplodocus*. I hope to accomplish this task for less than I suggested to Mr. Carnegie that it would cost. He authorized me to expend as much money as might be necessary, and our original estimate led me to suppose that it would cost anywhere from \$7,500. to \$10,000. to do the work. I hope to accomplish the work for a smaller figure and make not merely one, but five replicas of the original, as Mr. Carnegie suggested. That we are making five of these restorations I wish you, however, to keep a profound secret. Mr. Carnegie does not wish it to be known that we are doing this. Inasmuch, however, as the molds have to be made in gelatine and very quickly wear out, we resolved that while we were at it we would make five, so that Mr. Carnegie may be in a position to honor some other institution besides the British Museum, at a later date, with the gift of this.

With very best wishes for yourself and for your good [copy illegible] for the coming year, hoping that it may be in all respects [copy illegible] happiness and prosperity, I am,

Very sincerely your friend,

[W. J. Holland]

Director Carnegie Museum