

Boston, Oct. 11, 1872.

My dear Mr Marsh.

Your letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> of Sept. has been forwarded to me from Washington, & I hasten to answer it, fearing that it may become mislaid in the immense accumulation of letters awaiting my action.

We are just returning from our Summer's sojourn at Eastport, where, as you know, the Edmunds were with us for a time. We escaped entirely the tremendous hot-weather of the summer & think we have reason for felicitation.

I enjoyed the reading of the pamphlet of Costa on the fisheries of the Gulf of Naples, & I have already told you how much I was obliged to you for sending it.

I am now deeply in "Salmon eggs," having been engaged in securing a supply for stocking the American rivers. We get half a million from the Rhine & about as many from the Penobscot; & have the promise of an additional batch from the Sacramento. We received one package of unmounted