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Smithsonian Institution,

Washington, D. C., Oct. 8 1859

My dear Sir  
 on my return here  
 a few days ago, I found your  
 letter of Sept. 8 and 18. I wish  
 it were in my power to do more  
 for you, but beyond completing the  
 set of Smithsonian refab, and  
 a volume or two of Gillies, I  
 fear much is not in my power  
 I will however forward in a  
 few days what I can gather.

The Pacific R.R. Refab  
 are now very difficult to get,  
 and can only be had by  
 purchase. I am offered a  
 set for 25.00, which you can  
 have if you want it. Mexican  
 Boundary is not to be had  
 at all. It has sold at 7 to 10  
 dollars for the ten vols. but I  
 have latterly tried in vain to  
 get it at these prices. I never  
 had a copy given to me,

and paid 7.00 for the set  
 in my library!

Very truly Yours  
 Spencer Baird