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West Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 6, 1876.

Dear Professor Bell. Thanks for your letter of the 3^d. I hope we may very soon have the subject of the specimens in the Canadian exhibit distinctly settled, as I am very anxious to begin to catalogue, so as to avoid the delay or confusion after the close of the Exhibition.

We are greatly indebted to you for your intervention with the private exhibitors, I hope we may get a goodly share of their deposits, including that of Major Sibley, which would be extremely interesting & valuable to us.

The fish to which you refer is, as I suppose, the *Prognathodon* *folium* or *Platirostra edentula*, the well known Billfish or Snovel-nosed Cat, of the Mississippi River.

Very truly yours.

J. W. Baird

Prof. Robert Bell.

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