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SPENCER F. BAIRD,  
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Washington, D.C. June 16, 1883.

Dear Prof. Bell;

I have your letter of June 13<sup>th</sup>, and thank you for the hints contained therein.

Wishing to have some alcohol taken into Victoria by Mr. Swan, I learned from Mr. Robbins that the request must come from the Secretary of the Treasury. This was made and granted.

Also acting upon your hint of asking for a general order, I have addressed myself to the Secretary of the Treasury, requesting

him to make the application. It is quite possible, however, that he may decline to do this; but I have no doubt that I can secure his services in special cases as they occur. I have asked, therefore, for the order covering Dr. Turner's supplies.

The question of sending alcohol and such things to Dr. Turner at Ungava Bay, is not the getting it from Montreal, Quebec, &c., but the getting it to those cities for shipment on the Hudson's Bay vessels.

I will take pleasure in entering all the institutions

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to which you refer, on the list of recipients of series of marine invertebrates. I think we have already acted upon the application from Queen's College. I know that McGill University has been on our list for a long time.

We have arranged to turn over to the Peter Redpath Museum, the series of duplicates of Mr. Turner's collections, promised to the Hudson's Bay Company. This with the concurrence of that body.

I will see that the  
Museum of Geological Survey  
is also entered on the list of  
recipients.

Yours truly,  
W. Bant

Prof. Robert Bell,  
Geological Survey,  
Ottawa, Canada.

Prof. Robert Bell  
16<sup>th</sup> June 1883