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SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION,

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 21, 1880.

Dear Sir,

I am very sorry I did not receive your application for alcohol for making collections of Salmonidae in Labrador, earlier. Unfortunately, the enormous amount of material recently collected by our steamer, in the edge of the Gulf Stream, south of Newport, has caused the expenditure of every drop of alcohol that we could get together. I am now waiting for a fresh supply, ordered from the manufacturer in Illinois. Should this come down I will send you some, even at the risk of its not reaching you in time. I doubt, however, whether it will reach Washington before the 27th of the present month.

I am particularly anxious to obtain a full series of the Salmonidae of the Labrador coast—more particularly the different varieties of trout & whitefish, if any of the latter.

Even if these cannot be preserved in alcohol, a good deal can be done

by skinning them & coating the skins
thoroughly with arsenic, and drying
Yours Truly.
W. A. Stearns

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