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Washington, March 15, 1873.

Dear Lawrence.

I am much obliged for your intervention with Murguardt, & will take advantage of it by sending some articles through his agency. I hope he can arrange, in the event of any duty being charged upon the parcel, to have all the expenses prepaid.

The fish referred to in the newspaper paragraph is a well known inhabitant of the Mississippi system of waters, being the shovel or paddle fish (*Polyodon folium*)

The big fish of which you sent me a memorandum is a species of Groped remarkable for its gigantic size. I would like very much to have it but could not afford to pay more than \$25 for it. I telegraphed Middleton & Carnen this P.M. to that effect.

Very truly yours,

Spencer W. Baird

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