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Washington, March 27, 1873

Dear Lawrence.

The present season promises to be one of great activity in scientific explorations, & there is already a call for more collectors than we have available. Henshaw, Maynard & Bathy will probably all go out in one party or another; & I now write to ascertain through you whether Herrick is inclined to try the experiment of a Summer's Campaign in the Rocky Mountains. If he cares to go I think I can get a position at about fifty or sixty dollars a month & all expenses paid, to start about the 1st of May & return sometime in November. Will you make the inquiry as soon as possible & let me know?

If he is not available do you know of any body else who could be had for about the same price? A professional taxidermist would do very well, if he could be had.

A good Surgeon, who could discharge the duties of naturalist as well, might get a position at \$125 to \$150 per month & expenses.

I do not intend to let you off from your promised visit to Washington, some time

This Spring. As soon as the weather is settled I must insist upon your carrying out this idea.

At present I am very busily engaged in clearing up certain accumulations of work in the alcoholic department; but shall be through in a few weeks, when I shall be glad to see you here.

Did I tell you that Middleton & Cannon sent me a fish skull larger than the one first-referred to? We have had a call made of it & a skeleton.

Very truly yours,

Spencer Baird

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