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Washington, D.C. Oct. 30 - 1869

Dear Lawrence,

Your letter of the 23d, came three days after date; but I have been too busy until today to attend to your request.

I am very glad to learn that Mrs Lawrence is better, & hope she will soon recover her health. Had you not better bring her on to Washington this Fall, & pay us a visit? I think our more Southern climate will be good, both for her & yourself.

The birds you ask for are now packed in a box together with your own <u>Caerebidae & will</u> be sent off on Monday if Solomon does not forget it. The Rail you can keep; The Oriole & Compostoma, return

I am glad you like Ridgeway's article; I think we may make something of him. Zeladon is doing well in the birds of Central America & the West Indies. His Mexican West Indian paper is nearly ready to print, & will be sent before long, to the Boston Society.

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I have told Zeladon to gather up all the undistributed specimen of <u>Doricha Evelynae</u> among the Bahaman birds & send them to you for examination. You can then determine whether many among them belong to the new Inaguan species. If there are two kinds, please mark which are which & return the lot when studied.

There were no special localities included in the Collection; but my impression is that all we had from Mrs Bryant were from the same island, none of them from Nassau.

I found comparatively few collections of birds on my arrival, the greatest mass consisting of fossils & antiquities. It was an agreeable surprise to have less to do than I had anticipated in the way of overhauling, cataloguing & assorting the Collections of birds. We had one box from Alaska, sent by Bishop, but nothing new or even rare, although some some specimens were interesting from their locality.

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Washington, D.C. November 13 1869

My Dear Lawrence,

I was glad to learn that you were right, & the other party wrong; in the question about the Rail, & think it was too bad that Gould got the Bahaman Hummer.

I do not know where Dr. Bryants original Nassau specimens are. We have a pair from him which we can lend you, if you would like to see them. There are three boxes from Prof. Sumichrast over due, which we will send you as soon as they arrive in Washington. We have just sent him \$100, to help him along in his work. Prof. Henry's illness prevented our attending to this matter before. I hope you will be able to pick out a good lot of birds for Giraud from the Sumichrast collection. Send back the Bahaman Hummers at any time; perhaps as well now as later.

I have put Ridgeway at work on the American raptors, & want him to prepare an elaborate & thorough monograph. He has already discovered the bird called Falco Aesolon by Richardson. It is not the true Pigeon Hawk; nor yet is it the European Species. It will probably stand as new. When he gets through these I may take up with him the Central & South American species, so as to clear up the entire family. In doing this Gray's new Catalogue will be a great help. It will embrace, from present appearances, about 12,000 species.

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You remember my telling you I had described that Belie Vireo. Genclose you the "proof", & if you wish to publish it, can lend you the cut. Yours truly. Speners & Baird Lev. M. Lawrence 1/2. Pearl Street. New York City. and right send the Connection. The northy is provinging pricess

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Washington, D.C. Dec. 11 1869

My Dear Lawrence,

The bag of Coffee came a few days ago & I sent a check for its amount direct to Mr Cotheal, and thanking you very much for the trouble you have taken with it. We have just tried it for the first time & find its promise good.

The box of hawks came to day, & will be of much service in unravelling some difficult points. We are getting the whole subject of the hawks into shape, & shall have some interesting conclusions to present to the Community.

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Received a day or two at a new hotel much for Sumichrast will send on before long. Have seen remarks on the Hawks to naturalists but dont feel much improved by them. I presume we have the plumage of <u>A. lagopus</u> to which you refer.

Have noticed Sclaters [one word illegible] will examine shortly.

Never mind about the Belize catalogues. Please send back when done with; also Dendroica

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Bryants West Indians and all selected and assorted in boxes. Will send before long.

Ever yours S F Baird

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