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Washington, D.C. May 7, 1870

Dear Lawrence,

Your box, announced on the 2d, was duly received with the contents in good order. The Spermophila, I have already forwarded by mail, & & just too late to include the specimen from Sumichrast coll.

I note your list of desiderata but cannot promise to furnish many of them, although I have already picked out some of them. It is very difficult to add a bird to your North American list.

Sincerely yours, Spencer F Baird

Geo. N. Lawrence 172 Pearl Street. N.Y.

Dr. Hay is new with me. Leaves Tuesday send back Spermophila – asked for Cock of Plains & Finch Collection asked about Peabody Institute, Balt.

22112 Washington Deo. May 14, 1870. Dear Laurence. Yours of the 12 this al-hand. Hoy went Straight home, did not go via Phila delphia. The Naturalist's Linde Come probably from the author. Robref him, E. g. May-- now, Newtonville, Map. I do not-know any body who would like to him Frinkles bells. The price is Considerably higher than such articles usually bring. Son remember Bryaneonly paid about \$11,000 for the whole La Fresnaye. The Peubody matitule of Baltimore does notdeal in Spleiners at all. I feel much helter since my visit to N. york, & the prescriptions of De Harmand. I think you may Rufely recommend him to any of your friends Ruffering as I did. With warmest-regards to Mrs Luwrence & renewed thanks for her kinduels while her Dremain Very teelly yours. Sperier Waard Lev. N. Lawrence 172 Peul St. N.y. (over)

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Washington D.C. May 14, 1870

Dear Lawrence,

Yours of the 12th is at hand. Hay went straight home; did not go via Philadelphia. The Naturalist's Guide came probably from the author. Address him, E. J. Maynard, Newtonville, Mass. I do not know any body who would like to buy Finches coll. The price is considerably higher then such articles usually bring. You remember Bryant only paid about \$11,000 for the whole La Fresnaye lot. The Peabody Institute of Baltimore does not deal in Specimens at all.

I feel much better since my visit to N. York, & the prescriptions of Dr. Hammond. I think you may safely recommend him to any of your friends suffering as I did.

With warmest regards to Mrs Lawrence, & renewed thanks for her kindness while her quest,

I remain Very truly yours, Spencer F Baird

Geo. N. Lawrence 172 Pearl St. N.Y.

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P.S. The Vienna Museum wants to buy the entire Butcher's Collection  $\wedge$  of meteorites in a lump, & does not wish to spare a single specimen. I have, however, reserved the privilege of selling one to the Central Park people if they claim it in time.

Washrigton, S.le. May 6. 1870. Dear Laurence. I have yours of the 22 x trust- that Hagnes will down act about the meteorites, as Jam quite anxious to make a beginning of disposing of them. Girand has sent- the money for thebirds, The currency equivalent for \$60, in gold. Too not know whether congress will take Elliots book or not. I think it quite likely they may after the book is published; & probably will do do in parts. I think if a copy enuly be shown Them of one of the numbers there would be no questron about-it. I do not expect Dvisit N. y. when Prof. Idenny goes on. He leaves here on Saturday for Philadelphia & will be in New york on the Tuesday following. yours very truly Lev. N. Lawrence 172, Pearl Street-N. y.

Washington, D.C. May 26th, 1870

Dear Lawrence,

I have yours of the 22d, & trust that Haines will soon act about the Meteorites, as I am quite anxious to make a beginning of disposing of them. Giraud has sent the money for the birds, the currency equivalent for \$60, in gold. I do not know whether Congress will take Elliot's book or not, I think it quite likely they may after the book is published; & probably will do so in parts. I think if a copy could be shown them of one of the numbers there would be no question about it.

I do not expect to visit N.Y. when Prof. Henry goes on. He leaves here on Saturday for Philadelphia & will be in New York on the Tuesday following.

Your very truly S F Baird

Geo. N. Lawrence 172, Pearl Street N.Y.

Maskington Des. June 23, 1870. My Dear Lawrence. Have you had any Communica - tim with Chris. Wood or Mr Mc Floraine of West-Philadelphia about-the large Collection of birds which the former has just-trought-from Car-Thaqua? You know what - Splendid Speci. - mens he makes, I in the Rix or seven hund - red Shins there are doubtless many of those that are rare, theatraps some quite new. I advised the the Hvaine, dome weeks ago to write you & suggested the propriety of your Coming on to see the Specimens or making Done unaugement- with Wood for examina - tim. The now inferms me that-wood being much prefed for money, proposes to sell them I they will be all Scattered if you do not look-- weet. I do not know Wood's address, hurpresume he can be heard of at his

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Washington, D.C. June 23, 1870.

My Dear Lawrence,

Have you had any communication with Chris Wood or Mr McIlvaine of West Philadelphia about the large collection of birds which the former has just brought from Cartegena? You know what splendid specimens he makes, & in the six or seven hundred skins there are doubtless many of those that are rare, & perhaps some quite new. I advised Mr McIlvaine, some weeks ago to write you & suggest the propriety of your coming on to see the specimens or making some arrangement with Wood for  $\land$  their examination. He now informs me that Wood being much pressed for money, proposes to sell them, & they will be all scattered if you do not look out. I do not know Wood's address, but presume he can be heard of at his

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brother's store, (Charles?) 13th Street near Filbert; on your right write to J. H. McIlvaine, 3305 Baring Street, West Philadelphia.

We have just had a letter from Giraud, asking for a pair of the Inagua Humming Birds, which we have accordingly sent.

Yours very truly, Spencer F Baird

Geo. N. Lawrence 172, Pearl Street N.Y.