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Washington, D.C. May 7. 1870.

My Dear Lawrence.

Your box, announce
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Contents in good order. The Spermophiles
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out some of them. It is very difficult
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Geo. N. Lawrence
172, Pearl Street.
N. Y.

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Fossil collection asked about Peabody Institute, Balt.

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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.

Washington D.C. May 14, 1870.

Dear Lawrence.

Yours of the 12th is at hand.

They went straight home; did not go via Philadelphia. The Naturalists 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 etc. The price is considerably higher than such articles usually bring. You remember Bryan only paid about \$11,000 for the whole ^{lot} La Fresnaye. 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 guest,

I remain

Very truly yours.

Spencer W Baird

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

(over)

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

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P.S. The Vienna Museum wants to buy the entire Butcher's Collection ^ 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.

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Washington, D.C. May 6th 1870.

Dear Lawrence.

I have yours of the 22^d, & trust that Haines will soon act about the Meteorites, as I am quite anxious to make a beginning of disposing of them. Girard 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. Derry goes on. He leaves here on Saturday for Philadelphia & will be in New York on the Tuesday following.

Yours very truly
J. W. Baird

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

Washington, D.C. May 26th, 1870

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Your very truly
S F Baird

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

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Washington, D.C. June 23, 1870.

My dear Lawrence.

Have you had any communication with Chris. Wood or Mr Mc Glovaine of West-Philadelphia about the large collection of birds which the former has just brought from Cartagena? 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 Mc Glovaine, some weeks ago to write you & suggested the propriety of your coming on to see the specimens or making some arrangement with Wood for ^{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

(Chares?)

Brooke's Store, 13th Street - near Filbert, or you
might - write to J. H. McIlvaine, 330 5th
Baring Street, West - Philadelphia.

We have just - had a letter from
Gould, asking for a pair of the Inagua
Humming Birds, which we have accord
ingly sent.

Yours very truly,

Spencer Baird

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172, Pearl Street

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