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Washington, D.C. July 2, 1870.

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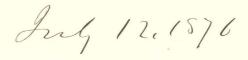
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Very truly yours, S F Baird

Geo. N. Lawrence 172, Pearl St. N. York.

11 to 2 – Thursday – come early



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July 12, 1870

Dear Lawrence

As Brewer has perhaps told you we are detained here; a day and do not leave until Thursday noon. We shall stop over night in Elisabeth, and I will come into town early next morn. and probably proceed direct to Hammonds to report progress in treatment. Perhaps I can stop at your house as I come down.

I was truly sorry to hear of you brother Alfreds loss and by that you will express to him my heartfelt sympathy

Yours truly S F Baird

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Woods Hole, Mass August 7, 1870

Dear Lawrence

It seems a long time since I have heard from you, and I felt quite anxious to know how you and Mrs Lawrence are getting on this frightfully hot Summer. Most of the time it has been very pleasant, here though an occasinal [occasional] "scorcher" intervenes. To day it there is a delightful breeze and "all is well"

I have been in hopes that I could find some vacant accommodations so as to entice you and Mrs. Lawrence to Woods Hole. In this however I have been disappointed, as every corner of the <u>two</u> boarding houses continues filled. Daily the people here from outside, slept in one house and walk a greater or less distance to their meals, in another; but even this is not impractical as the tables of the two houses

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are filled up to utmost capacity Possibly in the end of the month matters may be more convenient.

We have not done any fishing of any extent here as our time has been taken up with excursions and sailing, and besides this the fish pounds have destroyed any satisfactory line fishing. We don't find one fish new to 100 in 1863 – which is a doleful state of things

Very truly yours S F Baird

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Words Hole. Aug. 21. 1870

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