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Washington, D.C., July 2, 1870.

My Dear Lawrence,

Yours of yesterday is received with the Catalogue, for which I am much obliged to you. Selater wrote that he had to Habel's Gallinipagos birds, & had found some new species. I do not think he has acted very consistently or satisfactorily in this matter of leaving them abroad.

I wish you would urge upon Haines the propriety of definite action in regard to the Meteorite for the N.Y. Museum before I leave. I had an opportunity of selling the entire lot to Vienna; but at his request retained for him the disposal of the larger specimens, & I now want to have the business concluded before I leave. This we now expect

will be on Wednesday the 13th of July.

We go on that day to Elizabeth, & leave for New Bedford Friday P.M. I expect to be the most of Thursday & the morning of Friday in N. York.

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I have been hard at work for some weeks in selecting eggs for various Smithsonian correspondents at home & abroad, & have just finished picking out three 37 lots embracing many thousand specimens. The labelling & preparing them is an enormous job, occupying all the available force of the Institution.

Very truly Yours,

W. Baird

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Geo. A. Lawrence

172. Pearl St.
N. York.

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172, Pearl St.
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11 to 2 – Thursday – come early

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July 12, 1876

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you we are detained here, a day and
do not leave until Thursday noon. We
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I will come into town early next morn.
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G N Lawrence
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Aug 15

Woods Hole. Mass.

August 7. 1870

Dear Laurence

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I have been in hopes that I could find some vacant accommodations so as to invite you and Mrs. Laurence to Woods Hole. In this however I have been disappointed, as every corner of the two boarding houses continues filled by the people here from outside. Sleep in one house and walk a greater or less distance to their meals in another; but even this is now ~~impossible~~ impossible on the tables of the two houses

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Very truly yours
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J. V. Lawrence
M

Woods Hole, Mass
August 7, 1870

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NY

Wood Hole. Aug. 21. 1870

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Aming you
J. W. Baird

John Lawrence

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