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172, Pearl St. New York.

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Dear Lawrence,

Will you be kind enough to get somebody to look in the Directory for Brooklyn, & affix the exact address to the letter I enclosed, & oblige.

Your very truly S F Baird

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

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Washington, D.C. November 26, 1870.

Dear Lawrence

I reached home safely on Wednesday night & found everything in good condition on my arrival. I have been hard at work since that time in bringing up arrears of correspondence. Letters always seem to come in double portion when I am away. I find letters from Dresser, Salvin, and Sclater. Salvin writes of sundry specimens which he is going to send us. He also mentions his discovery that <u>Tinamus Frantzii</u> is the same as <u>T. Bonaparti</u>, and expresses his regret that you are to lose so fine a species We shall be ready for you any time you can come on to look up the

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Grayson birds. The sooner this is done the better.

Please give my kind regards to Mrs Lawrence with thanks for her kindness while her guest.

I am Your very truly Spencer F Baird

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

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Washington D.C. Dec. 7, 1870.

My Dear Lawrence,

Since your letter of the 2d inst. was received I have been engaged in hunting up the birds you wished and shall send the first installment tomorrow or next day. The remainder will be forwarded before long. They consist principally of hawks and owls that Mr. Ridgeway has not, at present, time to select. There are also a number of North American species that straggle into Mexico for the winter. Some of these we have kept to be used in receiving the subject of our United States fauna, but I will send you the list and you can then see whether you wish hereafter to use the specimens themselves.

I have had proof sheets of the revision of Craxeida from Slater and consider it a very valuable paper. I will send it on to you whenever you shall wish it.

I noted the enclosed slip and was very glad to

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learn what 'the a fish" really was. In return for the favor thus done to me I will refer you to the Article in the last "Spirit of the Times" by Genio C. Scott, in which he gives an account of his interview with Professor Lawrence of Columbia College and Professor S.F. Baird, the natural Ichthyologist.

Ever yours Spencer F Baird

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

Dec. 13. 1870

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Dec. 13, 1870

Dear Lawrence

I have just had letter from Mr Hague, asking for sundry articles. I enclose mem. of some I beg you to get for me. I presume cheese and lard may go in one box The petroleum goes separate. Perhaps it will be advisable to ascertain if the Petroleum can be shipped. The Astral Oil is very inexplosive, and not dangerous, but reputations may prohibit shipment.

Send the articles through, prepaid, adding charge to bill.

Have just received sheets with Arandae article; so need not trouble to return prop forwarded to you.

Save articles so as to go forward by Sleanur of 20' prox. if you can

Ever yours S F Baird

G N Lawrence NY

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10 12 cans. gallon each of Pratts Astral Oil charge it Pack in one box: separate

about 8 tins best lard, of 8 or 10 lbs. each tin, or any way best seuted to pack 65 to 80 lbs. lard

One Cheese, same size as that lard sent. but not ¢ Charge [one illegible word] ¢

Henry Hague, Guatemala Cy Care Benito & Co. San José Bill through: prepaid

S F Baird

Job Washington, Dec. 27, 1870 Mills Sen Lawrence. Reciprocating your Compliments of the Season I write to acknowledge there-- ceipe of the Bill on the Agnes goods, to Ray that Sam much obliged to you for attending to the matter. I will settle the account-at-an early date. I am forry to hear you have a bad Cold, hope you will take care of yourself, I soon feel in the human of attacking The Mexican birds. Cannot you get that Barnacle goose for your Collection? It would be a fity to let it go into any other hands. Truly yours. Sperier Baird Geo. M. Lawrence

172, Pearl St. "I N. York.

Washington, D.C. Dec. 27, 1870.

Dear Lawrence,

Reciprocating your compliments of the Season, I write to acknowledge the receipt of the Bill for Mr Hague's goods, & to say that I am much obliged to you for attending to the matter. I will settle the account at an early date.

I am sorry to hear you have a bad cold; hope you will take care of yourself, & soon feel in the humor of attacking the Mexican birds.

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2313 4 Washington, S.le. Sec. 30, 18705 NEL And) Dear Lawrence. I now enclose a Check for \$36,6% Covering the amount of Mr Haque's Bill. I send him from here a box; for the coming Steamen, embracing quite a variety of interesting articles. Will you he do kind as to procure for me, to kend by aprelone of those basket fire screens such as you have in your house, I use by hanging repor the back of the Chain. Mrs Baindneeds me to keep her from being wosted in our dring room. The Bill please send by mail. yours very huly. Sperier Baert

Go. N. Lawrence,

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Washington, D.C. Dec. 30, 1870

Dear Lawrence,

I now enclose a Check for \$36.67, covering the amount of Mr Hague's Bill.

I send him from here a box, for the coming steamer, embracing quite a variety of interesting articles.

Will you be so kind as to procure for me, & send by express one of those basket fire screens, such as you have in your house, & use by hanging upon the back of the chairs. Mrs Baird needs one to keep from being roasted in our dining room. The Bill please send by mail.

Yours very truly, Spencer F Baird

Geo. N. Lawrence, 172, Pearl Street. New York.

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[The following written on the back of the above letter in pencil]

Have run through the

<u>then must be many more</u> W. M. Mexican Bird to come; there \land are no Birds of Prey Θr , Water birds - or Hummers & probably others, Tinamous, Pigeons, Sparrows &c. but I cannot tell until those you have retained are sent on - The Hummers \land from 3 Marias I have a list of from 3 Marias but there, must be others from Mexico paper

Myiarchus mexicanus if Scl. has replied -

Elliot as usual making discoveries when he got to Europe 3 new Pheasants besides other species from different parts of the world -

Bird Journal Brewer Screen Basket Caseidae Scl -Empidonax hammondi if not a spare one, lend one

Here seems to be of supposed new species - Hasporhynchus - graysoni Zenaidura – Do -Commins - brevipes Pipilo - carmani -Troglodytes insulans

Are these all, I thought there were more -