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Washington, D.C. Oct. 17. 1870.

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 enclose,  
& oblige.

Yours very truly

Geo. W. Lawrence.

NW Baird

172, Pearl St.

New York.

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yet back from Schaler: Did not see  
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Washington, D.C.  
November 26, 1890.

Dear Lawrence:

I reached home safely on Wednesday night & found every thing 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 Slater. Salvin writes of sundry specimens which he is going to send us. He also mentions his discovery that Tinamus Grantzi is the same as T. Bonapartei, and expresses his regret that you are so late so find a species. We shall be ready for you any time you can come on to look up the



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

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Spencer W Baird

Geo. W. Lawrence, Esq.,  
142 Pearl St.  
N. Y.

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172 Pearl St.  
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And  
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Washington D.C.

Dec. 7. 1870.

My dear Lawrence.

Since your letter of the 2<sup>d</sup> 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. Ridgway 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 reviewing 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 *Crasceia* from Slaten and consider it a very valuable paper. I will send it on to you whenever you shall wish it.

I note the enclosed slip and was very glad to

learn what <sup>the</sup> 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 Genl.  
C. Scott, in which he gives an account of his interview  
with Professor Lawrence of Columbia College and  
Professor S. F. Baird, <sup>the</sup> Natural & Ichthyologist.

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

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Hester Barron



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Spencer F Baird

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

Dec. 13. 1870



- Dear Lawrence

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

Send the articles through, pre-paid, adding charge to bill.

I have just received sheets with Crandall articles. As need not trouble to return prop forwarded to you.

Send articles to act to go forward by steamer of 20<sup>th</sup> prox. if you can

Ever yours  
J. P. Baird

J. N. Lawrence  
NY

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change of

3 12 cans, gallon each of  
Pratts Astral oil.

Pack in one box. Shrink

about

2 8 tin best lard, of 8 or 10 lbs.  
each tin, or any way best sealed  
to pack 65 to 80 lb lard

1 One Cheese, same size as  
that last sent. cut out

change name of

Henry Hague, Guatemala City  
Care Bendo & Co. San José  
Bill through; prepaid

N. B. Baird

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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 suited to pack 65 to 80 lbs. lard

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

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

S F Baird





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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.

Cannot you get that Barnacle goose for your Collection? It would be a pity to let it go into any other hands.

Truly Yours,  
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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 chair. Mrs Baird needs  
one, to keep her from being roasted in our dining  
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Yours very truly.

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them must be many more W. M. Mexican Birds  
to come; there <sup>are</sup> no Birds of Prey or Water birds or  
Hummers & probably others, Tinamous, Pigeons <sup>Shallows</sup> &c but  
I cannot tell until those you have retained  
are sent on. The Hummers <sup>from 3 Mar. 1897</sup> I have a list of from  
but there, might be others from Mexico proper - ~~3 Mar. 1897~~  
Myiarchus mexicanus of Del. has replied -  
Ellet as usual making discoveries when he got to him  
<sup>3 new specimens besides</sup> other species from different parts of the  
West. Journal Brew <sup>world -</sup>  
Screen Backet  
Coarcted Del.  
Empidonax hammondi of red & span on send one

There seems to be of supposed

new species -  
Hesperiphonus - graysoni  
Zenaidura - <sup>so</sup> -  
Coccyzus - boerhaafii  
Pipilo - carolinensis  
Troglodytes insularis

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Bird Journal                  Brewer

Screen Basket

Caseidae Scl -

Empidonax hammondi if not a spare one, lend one

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Zenaidura - Do -

Commins - brevipes

Pipilo - carmani -

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