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Washington, Deo, Jan. 16, 1872. an Lawrence. My Dear Lawrence. I am very much obliged tryon for making inquiries regarding the grun, I now write back that you will kindly order the 12 gragge 30 mich barrell, of the suproved pattern, in a nice gun case. I would like to have the Complete equipment, neceptary for the use of the gun, including at least- 100 of the best- quality of brap cartridge cases. I would like the authit to be as perfect-as proprible, leaving nothing out that belongs to the apparatus. Of course it will not be necessary to send (powder & Shot-; but some first- Class caps as primers might be dent-along to the num-Les of 500. Please are that-at-least-two boxes of the best-wads accompany the gun also. Please Rend also the best-of the meers chaum Jupes, with eagle's Claws, referred to in your letter.

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Please send also the best of the Meerschaum pipes, with eagle's claws, referred to in your letter.

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I shall, of course, be glad to get the gun at as good a discount as possible. It better be sent to my house, 918, New York Avenue.

The pipe should come separately in a wooden box.

If you see Amory Edwards, ask him what he meant by not letting me know he was in Washington a week or two ago, a fact that I learned only accidentally after he was gone.

Very truly yours, S F Baird

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

I am having made a box for the grayson birds

red 3 fortol Larb Act 05 th Washington, 26. Jan. 24. 1872. & hope you have received before This the box containing the manuscript-notests drowings of tol. Grogson, as a hipped to you in few days Rince. Dann aut of Carlolic acid, YShall need a new Rupply. On writing to Powers & Weightman of Philadelphia, I was told (that they were mulle to Rupplyong; & atthough I hate to give you the brouble, yet I do not know what else to do than to ask of you know where the Colvert's No. 4. acid, (the clear, modered light preparation) can be his Latwhal-cost? That-which I received at Woods Hole last-Rumer was do donk as to Storie the Collections, & I want meald fashioned untille if it is the had. If not will you kindly find if there is any colorless American proparations, & the cost per pound? Geo. N. Lowrence Spener Warrens Spener Warrens New York. Schniffelin has the at 60 pm Very truly yours

Washington, D.C. Jan. 24, 1872

Dear Lawrence,

I hope you have received before this the box containing the manuscript notes & drawings of Col. Grayson, as shipped to you few days since. I am out of Carbolic acid, & shall need a supply. On writing to Powers & Weightman of Philadelphia, I was told that they were unable to supply any, & although I hate to give you the trouble, yet I do not know what else to do than to ask if you know where the Calvert's No. 4 acid, (the clear, uncolored liquid preparation) can be had, & at what cost? That which I received at Wood's Hole last Summer was so dark as to stain the collections, & I want the old fashioned article if it is to be had. If not, will you kindly find if there is any colorless American preparation, & the cost per pound?

Very truly yours Spencer F Baird

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

Schieffelin has this at 60° per lb J. Bs Jr.

H Washington Dlo. Jun. 25-, 1872. Den Lawrence. Enclosed please find Post-Office order for \$9.90, to Cover the amount of the hill of Pollock, which I presume you have already paids. Very truly yours. Speneur Bourg Geo. N. Laurence Esq.
172. Peul Street;
New York

Washington D.C. Jan. 25, 1872.

Dear Lawrence,

Enclosed please find Post office order for \$9.90, to cover the amount of the bill of Pollock, which I presume you have already paid.

Very truly yours, Spencer F Baird

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

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Washington D.C. Feb. 8. 1872

My Dear Lawrence,

The Carbolic acid came safely to hand, & I shall probably send to-morrow a P.O. order to pay the bill. Under some \land new arrangements of the Institution in regard to the Museum expenditures, we shall probably be more prompt in liquidating all these bills.

I will ask Ridgeway to make out a list of the Grayson Water Birds & send you, so that you can insert them in your paper.

In regard to sending you a large donation of birds, it would be easy to do if you had not so fine a collection already, & of the small number of your desiderata that we possess, in duplicate they are in so shocking a condition that you would not take them. I hope, however, that something may be done; if not now, at least at a future time, as it is probable that Henry Elliot or Bannister, & perhaps both will return to Alaska & make a large collection.

Very truly yours Spencer F Baird

Geo. N. Lawrence 172 Pearl Street, New York. 26941. Washington Dlo. Feb. 26, 1872. My Dear Lawrence. I wrote you. Mul 9 expected & Lend you from Washington Certain articles asked for hy Me Lague, to go with those purchased for him in N.y., & I now have to Lay that a bex went of this afternoon, addreped "Henry Hagne Gratemala City, Come Gev. N. Laurence, 172 Pearl Theet New york! I do not know whether the Charges on this were pelpoid, if not please add them to the Bill of expenses against me on this account. Please Combine the Chese t deeds from Oslifs in a decord box & dends both if possible to morrow, Tuesday, to the Office of the Pacific Mail Steam Ship Co., addressing both boxes to Mu Hague, Gua. terraler City, the paying the peight-through if it can be done.

The contents of my box consist- of about Listy dollar's with of adderted merchandise, Luch as books, Children's logs, & Shoes. This information may be necessary in order to have them go Straight- through. Please see Mot the necessary formalities of Clearance are complied with. The package from Plifs Contains \$8, worth of Leeds. As Roon as you have paid and-all Chang es connected with this invoice please send me the mennandum of the amount, Mut I may Collect it from Me Hague's Broken. I am very much obliged to you for your kind invitation to come on to New york, & Mink popilly I may accept it in the Course of a few weeks. There been Contemplating a trip to your City, I shall endeavor, before long to came out my

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Washington D.C. Feb. 26, 1872.

My Dear Lawrence,

I wrote you that I expected to send you from Washington certain articles asked for by Mr Hague, to go with those purchased for him in N.Y., & I now have to say that a box went off this afternoon, addressed "Henry Hague Guatemala City, Care of Geo. N. Lawrence, 172 Pearl Street New York." I do not know whether the charges on this were prepaid; if not please add them to the Bill of expenses against me on this account. Please combine the cheese, & seeds from Bliss in a second box & send both if possible tomorrow, <u>Tuesday</u>, to the office of the Pacific Mail Steam Ship Co., addressing both boxes to Mr Hague, Guatemala City, & preparing the freight through if it can be done.

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The contents of my box consist of about sixty dollars worth of assorted merchandise. Such as books, children's toys & shoes. This information may be necessary in order to have them go straight through. Please see that the necessary formalities of clearance are complied with. The package from Bliss contains \$8 worth of seeds.

As soon as you have paid out all charges connected with this invoice, please send me the memorandum of the amount, that I may collect it from Mr Hague's Brother.

I am very much obliged to you for your kind invitation to come on to New York; & think possibly I may accept it in the course of a few weeks. I have been contemplating a trip to your city, & shall endeavor, before long to carry out my intention.

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I have had a bad cold, but am better & think I am off the sick list.

Ridgeway has just written an article upon Elliott's paper in the Ibis. He showed long ago that Kirtland's owl is the young of the acadia.

Very truly yours, Spencer F Baird

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