

Dickinson College Archives & Special Collections

<http://archives.dickinson.edu/>

Documents Online

Title: Letters from Spencer Baird to George Lawrence (Jan. - Feb. 1872)

Date: January - February 1872

Location: MC 2000.11, B1, F13

Contact:

Archives & Special Collections
Waidner-Spahr Library
Dickinson College
P.O. Box 1773
Carlisle, PA 17013

717-245-1399

archives@dickinson.edu

Washington, D.C., Jan. 16, 1872.

My Dear Lawrence.

I am very much obliged to you for making inquiries regarding the gun; & now write to ask that you will kindly order the 12 gauge 30 inch barrell, of the improved pattern, in a nice gun case. I would like to have the complete equipment, necessary for the use of the gun, including at least 100 of the best quality of trap cartridge cases. I would like the outfit to be as perfect as possible, 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 sent along to the number of 500. Please see that at least two boxes of the best wads accompany the gun also.

Please send also the best of the Mears & Co. traps, with eagle's claws, referred to in your letter.

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.
J. W. Baird

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

I am having made a box for the
guyon gun

Washington, D.C. Jan. 16, 1872.

My Dear Lawrence,

I am very much obliged to you for making inquiries regarding the gun; & now write to ask that you will kindly order the 12 gauge 30 inch barrell, of the improved pattern, in a nice gun case. I would like to have the complete equipment, necessary for the use of the gun, including at least 100 of the best quality of brass cartridge cases. I would like the outfit to be as perfect as possible, 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 sent along to the number of 500. Please see that at least two boxes of the best wads accompany the gun also.

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

[Page Break]

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

2003 The boys will
send you furnished Carb. Acid - 9
Calvert's No. 4
Dear Lawrence.

Washington, D.C. Jan. 24. 1872.

I hope you have received before
this the box containing the manuscript-notes &
drawings of Col. Grayson, as shipped to you a few
days since. I am out of Carboic acid, & shall
need a new 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 Colvert'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 collection,
& I want the old fashioned article if it is to be had. If
not, will you kindly find if there is any colored American
preparation, & the cost per pound?

Very truly yours
Spencer W. Baird

Geo. W. Lawrence
172 Pearl Street.

New York Schnieffer has this at 60¢
J. E. J.

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 Carboic 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.

2604

918
NEW YORK AVENUE,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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 Warren

Geo. N. Lawrence Esq.

172. Pearl 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.

24187

Washington Dec. Feb. 8. 1872.

My dear Lawrence.

^{now} The Carbolic acid came safely to hand, & I shall probably send to-morrow a P. O. order to pay the bill. Under ^{new} home arrangements of the Institution in regard to the Museum expenditures, we shall probably be more prompt in liquidating all these bills. I will ask Ridgway 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 propose ^{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 Elliott or Barnister, & perhaps both, will return to Alaska & make a large collection.

Very truly yours

Geo. N. Lawrence

Spencer W. Baird

172 Pearl Street.

New York.

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 ^ 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.

26947.

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 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, Tuesday, to the office of the Pacific Mail Steam Ship Co., addressing both boxes to Mr Hague, Guatemala City, & prepaying the freight through if it can be done.

2
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
Philp contains \$8. worth of seeds.

As soon as you have paid and all charg-
es 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.

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

Ridgway has just-written an article
upon Elliott's paper in the Iris. He showed
language that Kittland's owl is the young
of the acadica.

Very truly yours.

Spencer W. Baird

Geo. N. Lawrence,

172 Pearl Street,

New York -

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, Tuesday, 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.

[Page Break]

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.

[Page Break]

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 -