Dickinson College Archives & Special Collections

http://archives.dickinson.edu/

Documents Online

Title: Letters from Spencer Baird to George Lawrence (Oct. – Dec. 1872)

Date: October - December 1872

Location: MC 2000.11, B1, F16

Contact:

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

717-245-1399

archives@dickinson.edu

Boston, Oct. 12, 1872. Den Lawrence. It is my present intention to hove Mrs Baird Havey go on to the Fifth Avenue Hotel by the 9 o'clock A.M. Train to monow, worving of Course about 5-, Rlu. Deholl leave a little loter by the Shore Line 20 as to Stop al-Stornington, & reach N. J. Tuesday norming. As soon as popible after aviving I will see your discup whole has paped since we tast-Lincerely yours. Spenew Waard Geo. N. Laurence Erg. 172 Pearl Street, Newyork.

Boston, Oct. 12, 1872.

Dear Lawrence,

It is my present intention to have Mrs Baird & Lucy go on to the Fifth Avenue Hotel by the 9 o'clock A.M. train tomorrow, arriving of course about 5 P.M.

I shall leave a little later by the Shore Line so as to stop at Stonington, & reach N.Y. Tuesday morning. As soon as possible after arriving I will see you & discuss what has passed since we last met.

Sincerely yours, Spencer F Baird

Geo. N. Lawrence Esq. 172 Pearl Street, New York. 28693 Madhington, Dle Dec. 16, 1872. Den Lawrence. I have just received from Mis Georgeon a package Containing all the drawings & note books of Col. Groupson made during many yeurs residence in Mexico. These she sends with a view of ascertaining whether any one can be founds to publish them. The figures are all of life Live & in Style intermediate between the works of Anduhand Wilson. A Jun are well drown, tall are Carefully taccurately Colored, but a great majority full entirely Short of that elegance which we are accustomed to demand, after training in the School of Wolf this Colleagues. Mrs Groupen values the Collection very highly, having maured it for the drives of \$1,000, in Dending it on. The wishes you to examine the Collection & and in determinemy what dispodition towake of it.

If you day so, Iwill forward them toyour at once; The notes may be of service to you in your paper en the beids of morthwestern Mexico. you will have to take good, care of the Collection, how. ever, tim case of its destruction by fire, you will be held considerably responsible for it. Im not have but twould be well to insue it for, Ray, \$1,000 againse-damage by fine. Let me know whether I shall send the collection as once. I know you will be ruterested in examining it. Very truly yours. Apeneer F/Baird Lev. N. Laurence, 172, Peul Street. New York.

Washington, D.C. Dec. 16, 1872.

Dear Lawrence,

I have just received from Mrs Grayson a package containing all the drawings & note books of Col. Grayson made during many years residence in Mexico. These she sends with a view of ascertaining whether any one can be found to publish them. The figures are all of life size, & in style intermediate between the works of Audubon & Wilson. A few are well drawn, & all are carefully & accurately colored; but a great majority fall entirely short of that elegance which we are accustomed to demand, after training in the school of Wolf & his colleagues.

Mrs Grayson values the collection very highly, having insured it for \$1,000, in sending it on. She wishes you to examine the collection & aid in determining what disposition to make of it.

[Page Break]

If you say so, I will forward them to you at once; the notes may be of service to you in your paper on the birds of northwestern Mexico. You will have to take good care of the collection, however, & in case of its destruction by fire, you will be held considerably responsible for it. I am not sure but it would be well to insure it for, say, \$1,000 against damage at once. I know you will be interested in examining it.

Very truly yours, Spencer F Baird

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