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29th Jan 1878

Send Rec^d you of the 25th was sorry to hear of your indisposition which I hope is nothing serious - I suppose Dr. Bowen is now with you -

By Adams to day I send four Boxes, contents as follows Nos 1 & 2 contain the Pan. Coll -

No 3. the Selected series of C. Ric. birds except the Falconidae, Penelopidae & Cryptinidae* which I left in box No 4 the rest for want of room there you can select out in this box are also the Sidace Box No 5 Falconidae & c -

Romphastidae & Icteriidae were not sent me.

I found it would be impossible for me to select out the Pan. Birds as you desired ~~and~~ one difficulty was whether you wanted all not in your collection from Panama or only those not in your collection at all - Besides I thought as there are so many fine specimens you might wish to substitute them for others. I corrected a few names but would like you when replying to alter *Troglodytes nigricapillus* to *McKleri* + *Cassidix oxyzivora* to *C. mexicana* - I sent you the contents of the two boxes marked off on Sch. Pan. Cat. - please alter on that, which are made correct on the labels

<i>Cyphorhinus leucogaster</i>	for	<i>philomela</i>
<i>Progne leucogaster</i>	for	<i>chalybea</i>
<i>Euphonia fulvica</i>	for	<i>Soudaii</i>
<i>Cassidix mexicana</i>	"	<i>oxyzivora</i>

Deiphobrychus vancouverensis for *R.* —

Picolaptes lineaticeps for *Souleyeti*

~~*Sep.*~~

Piaya mulleri for *supercrista* —

Micropus olivaceus for *striaticellus*

I will send to morrow the new list of
Cat of such species as are already in your
collection from Pomona — Shall be hand
pushed for time until Thursday afternoon
when we hope to leave for the Sel Water Gap to
remain there probably until Monday —

I have completed the Proof of *C. C. Rio Pardo*
to day & shall have ~~the~~ remaining part to the
Printer to morrow — I sent you on Saturday
a portion of the proof & now send more
(nos 125 to 229) both as rec^d. had no time to correct, will
be glad to hear how you like it — I fear all will
not be done before I go, for what is not, must
wait to Bland —

I have ~~sent~~ rec^d. to day the Proof of *Exaltes*
Ornith —

I forgot to say that all of Series for the S. I are
returned except *Septoptila Pictae* & 3 or 4 species
of *serripennata* — I want to examine the form *Seh-*
optila, the name I kept it —

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Baird

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<i>Cyphorinus luscini</i>	for	<i>philomela</i>
<i>Progne leucogaster</i>	for	<i>chalybea</i>
<i>Euphonia fulvicrissa</i>	for	<i>Gouldii</i>
<i>Cassidix mexicana</i>	"	<i>oryzivora</i>

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<i>Xiphorhynchus venezuelensis</i>	for	X. _____
<i>Picolaptes lineaticeps</i>	for	<i>souleyeti</i>
<i>Piaya mehleri</i>	for	<i>nigricrissa</i> .
<i>Mionuta olivacean</i>	for	<i>striaticelli</i>

I will send tomorrow to morrow as P. Scl. Cat. of such species as are already in your collection from Panama. Shall be hard pushed for time until Thursday afternoon when we hope to leave for the Del Water Gap to remain there probably until Monday.

I have completed the Mas. of C C. Rica Birds today & shall hand ~~balon~~ remaining part to the printer tomorrow I sent you on Saturday a portion of the proof & now send more (no 126 to 239) both as read had no time to correct, will be glad to hear how you like it. I fear all will not be done before I go, for what is not, must trust to Bland.

I have ~~sent~~ ntd today the Proof of Exotic Ornith.

I forgot to say that all the Series for the I.J are returned except *Leptoptila Riottei* & 3 or 4 species of *Dendrocolaptida*. I want to examine the genus *Leptoptila*, the reason I kept it.

but if both are found there - I would want Mexican specimens to determine surely - & if not too much trouble will thank you to look, by having them can give comparative remarks rather better -

The Gallinæ, Raptores & Water Birds has better not be sent until those now here are returned - I could not well put them in the present paper, but if I print in Annals can have my paper to finish the pro- & get the concluding part of the Catalogue to begin the next, when the publish say towards fall, which will bring both together in the Volume -

Will write about the other 6 the Birds Raptores &c - in a few days

[March '68]

Dear Baird

Yours of yesterday, received but & I am at a loss how understand your answer in regard to the C. R. Hummers ~~I bored you with so long a letter of complaints, shall long & avoid it is failure - It would seem from what you ^ now state that I have had no cause to find faults - But think some explanation is due to me & think as you ^ appear to have strangely forgotten the facts & I don't know what to make if you answer;~~ As you say Cassin has no C. R. Hummers. I wrote ~~late~~ in Feb 7. requesting the S. J. specimens of C. R. Hummers that I might put in the Cat. the collectors names & localities as ^ I was doing in the other Families. yet on the 29th Feb. you write. "I picked out the last lot received of Costa Rican Hummers & laid besides the Pigeons, but Solomon by mistake put into a package near by for Cassin. I wrote him to forward to you."

~~This seems a very clear story & on the strength of it.~~ You can surely understand why I have been looking for them ~~ever since & as they did not come, feel that I was warranted in requesting & why I wrote Cassin to send them in regard to them.~~ & if he has not got them everyone tell me where are they Will be much obliged for an easy explanation ~~Please explain matters~~ I not only wanted the Hummers for those ~~have~~ purposes, but wished to examine specially into the species of Petasophora and Heliomaster, which require putting right if it can be done. I suppose you would send all the C. R. Hummers as you did of the other Families but ^ you speak of picking out those last received.

I will see Bell about the Bunting, by making a tow body, as the back only I think is waiting, it may make a fair specimen.

I think the Cyclorhynchus from Guat. Is mesorhynchus its true habitat - although ^ Scl gives brevirostris from there ~~you would like to know what to expect in regard~~

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Xiphorhynchus venezuelensis for X. _____
Picolaptes lineaticeps for souleyeti
Piaya mehleri for nigricrissa.
Mionuta olivacean for striaticelli

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Dear Baird

asked for

I have yours of the 27th the pardon, is granted to begin with - I have been much troubled with the short reply "that C. had no C. R. Hermin" to my long complaint detailing the efforts made to get them - It is ^{very glad} ~~quite a relief~~ to get your explanation as I could think of no other reason than the one given, & yet could not suppose you had so entirely forgotten it.

It is over a month since I first wrote for them & although the prospect is not very bright, hope they may come before the expiration of another - Our friend C. does not consider other people ^{of whom I speak} ~~interested~~. I do not yet know whether all ^{your} C. R. specimens ^{of Froche} are in the box sent C - if not, will thank you for them as I wish to clear up some doubtful points or try to - Myself I only want the Trichitida & Trogon to finish up my paper & if you have specimens of Cyclorhynchus from Mexico they'll be glad to see them - If you have ^{the} Sclerida book will ^{ask for names collectors names & localities} - The handsome Setogon I have called Costaricensis as Chiqui & Veraguas are represented in the same genus, the Leptoptile like venanzii have named reitteri Doyen appears.

The remaining part of the C. R. Coll. had better be kept until those now on hand are returned - I could not well include the remaining Families in the present paper, but can arrange for it to follow so that the ^{article} ~~paper~~ will be continuous in the Vol. S

Sr. Minor I missed seeing last week but have not time to say he seems of the right stripe

he goes to morrow in the Arizona a chest of insect net
has come & been delivered to him -
Hans Carver found many new species in Orlow Call

[March '68]

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It is over a month since I first wrote for them. & although the prospect is not very bright, hope they may come before the expiration of another. ~~Our friend C. does not consider other people much ^ when absent~~ I do not yet know whether all your C. R. specimens ^ of Trochil are in the box sent C. if not, will thank you for them as I wish to clear up some doubtful points or try to. ~~My pa~~ I ^ now only want the Trochilidae & Trogons to finish up my paper & if you have specimens of Cyclorhynchus from Mexico will be glad to see them. If you have ^ the Icteridae back will ask for a few collectors names & localities. The handsome Geotrygon I have called Costaricensis as Chiriqui & Varagna are represented in the same genus, the Leptoptile like Verrauxi have named [?]. ~~do you approve.~~

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Dr Miner I missed seeing last week but have met him today. he seems of the right stripe

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Has Cassin found many new species in Orton's Colls.

Dear David N. Y. March 23rd 1858

Yours of the 25th enclosing \$3 just rec^d

have been wondering why you did not write -

I am sorry I did not know you were in Phil. why
does not Cassin send those Hummers he got by mis-
take it looks as if he did not mean to, I think
~~it is~~ ^{it is} ~~unaccountable~~ ^{unaccountable} ~~how~~ ^{how} ~~he~~ ^{he} ~~can~~ ^{can}
~~be~~ ^{be} ~~so~~ ^{so} ~~regardless~~ ^{regardless} of the rights

of others - I care nothing for the Trogons as
there are not more than ^{perhaps} ~~say~~ ^{say} 3 or 4 species & can
take those given by Cabanis, but the Hummers
I so care about & am entitled to - it is now
3 weeks since they were to be sent me & I have
got nothing ~~from~~ ^{from} ~~him~~ ^{him} concerning them -

I wrote him ^{on} the 17th enclosing the amount
of my bill for Proceedings, which gave me the
opportunity to write him again, I said that
if he had not time to pick out the Trogons
I would take those given by Cabanis, but that
the Hummers I now really required having
found all but these two Families & requesting
that they be sent - Have had no reply & feel
much ~~disappointed~~ ^{disappointed} & annoyed by it - Now as
you have seen ^{him} you probably know whether they
are designedly kept back or not, I can imagine
no reason for keeping them except he has found
new ones among them & ^{they are} if he has no right to
return them, ~~for~~ I know he is unexcusably dis-
tort in doing things, but I suppose the Hum-
mers are in a box & can't be sent at any time

the Emburya from Texas - I have just rec^d a letter from
Hoyt - he comes as the author - certainly he is the author of
The Trogon I suppose could be picked out in
15 minutes if I started ~~in to do it~~ ^{he would get at them}
Latterly he has been very friendly when I
have been in Phil - I may be taking trouble or interest
but think I have caused complaints - specimens
accountable - When he wants any thing I
never delay sending, supposing he requires
them promptly, ~~but he may not~~ ^{but he may not perhaps} ~~but I have written~~
~~over 3 times at first over 3 weeks since~~
~~they do not come -~~
Let me know frankly the ^{true} position
of affairs - if you don't want me to give up in
despair - I will label the Quail. Birds when
through with the C. River, labelling which
& recording their localities &c has been
no small amount of labor -
Much obliged for the account of the Cycle
brevivertis, if not sufficient may require
specimens, if you have them -
I should have thought a reply would have come
from Chicago before this - I fear there may be much
delay in publishing, as at the Lyceum they are ready
as soon as I can give it - if the Cyclophorus is new
it will make more of. sp. to appear in ^{the cat.} I
have on my list 385 species ~~being published~~ ^{now to be published}
of Dry Water Birds - I have not informed
you about numbering the Popule Birds - Francis will
number 1 for 4 skins &c, allowing 25 - for them, Bell
wants to see them, for some he would want 10 for others

N.Y. March 23d 1868

Dear Baird

Yours of the 22d enclosing \$3 just recd have been wondering why you did not write. I am sorry I did not know you were in Phil. Why does not Cassin send those Hummers he got by mistake it looks as if he did not mean to, ~~I think he has no right to~~ ^ it is unaccountable how he can be so regardless of the rights of others. I care nothing for the Trogons as there are not more than ~~say~~ perhaps 6 or 8 species & can take those given by Cabaris, but the Hummers I do care about & am entitled to. it is now 3 weeks since they were to be sent me & I hear ~~got~~ nothing ~~from him~~ concerning them.

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The Trogons I ~~suppose~~ could be picked out in 15 minutes if ~~it suited him to do it.~~ he would get at them Latterly he has been very friendly when I have been in Phil. ~~therefore his conduct is most accountable~~ & I may be taking trouble on interest but I think I have cause to complain. When he wants any ~~thing~~ specimen I never delay sending supposing he requires them promptly, ~~& although I have written now 3 times at just over 3 weeks since they do not come~~ But he treats me & perhaps others quite differently

Let me know frankly the true politics of affairs. if you don't want me to give up ^ Bird matters in disgust. I will label the Gnot. Birds when through with the C. Ricans, labelling which & recording their localities &c has been no small amount of labor.

Much obliged for the account of Cycl brevirostris, if not sufficient may require specimens if you have them.

I should have thought a reply would have come from Chicago before this. I fear there may be too much delay in publishing, as at the Lyceen they are ready as soon as I can give it. if the Cycl brevirostris is new it will make nice N. spec to appear in the Cat. ~~it~~. I have on my list 385 species ~~leaving out Birds of Prey Water Birds &c~~ now to publish I have not informed you about mounting for Bogota Birds. Francis will mount 1 for 4 skins, allowing 25cts price of both for mounting \$1. ~~send them to me if you choose one~~ Bell can do nothing with the Emberiza from Texas. I have just read a Citter from Frantzins. he considers ~~the~~ Anthro. cervinigularis to be the ♀ of B. insignis, just advising me. Heliodox Henry E no more yet obtained

Davis

19th Dec 1878

Compare *Eutryson caruleiceps*
with *Chiriguensis* when Part
of *Ecol. Ornithy* is to hand -

Please correct the label on the
young *Trogon* from C.R. marked
by me as *Nyctebius jamaicensis*,

Pezopetes capitatus; whether
best to give a description of it
in Appendix & on account
of its rarity - if so, shall want it
again -

Dromococcyx rufigularis - not
D. phasianellus

Bryants Pelizi Coll
send with it *P. capitatus*
& *Eutryson caruleiceps*

Brewer was seen on Friday evening

~~say~~
Send for 10 specimens of *Selater* in
two for *Ecol* for examination &c

19th Dec 1868

Baird

Compare *Geotrygon caerulisceps* with *chiriquensis* when Part of Exot. Ornith' is to hand.
Please correct the label on the 3 young Trogons from C. R. marked by me as *Nyctibius jamaicensis*

Pezopetes capitalis whether best to give a description of it in Appendix on account of its rarity if so, shall want it again.

Dromococcyx ruficularis not *D phasianellus*

Bryants Belize Coll. send with it *P. capitalis* & *Geotrygon caerulisceps*

Brewer was here on Friday Even'g

send for 10 species to sclater in box for Gould for examination &c

See of on List
Phemphys *corvina* yes
Synallaxis *pubica* is *nigropennis*

Want *Tachyphya* C. Rica
to determine *Heliconaster* & *Pterophora*

E. fulgens on Birds List -
Salvin says not found in C. Rica -

see if on List
spermophile corvina yes
synallaxis pudica is nigripennis

Want Trochilidae C. Rica to determine Heliomaster + Petasophora

E. fulgans in Bairds List -
Salvin says not found in C. Rica -