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NEW-YORK, March 26th 1872

M. Dear Baird

I have gone over Spornichrasts last shipment a few of the species he enquires about - you have kept are not in the box - these I suppose you have retained therefore conclude you have taken out the specimens you wish - and that I can select such as I want as per his instructions - I shall only want some 7 or 8 species - If I am to answer his enquiries which he seems to expect - please let me know the species of two different *Myiarchi* (probably taken by Cones) he also has on his list *M. laurencii* - he says not sent before (but 2 are in first collection) this I suppose is correct - there is a ♀ *Euphonia* not sent me - 1 specimen of *Attila* is *citreopygia* the other specimen I suppose is the same - There are specimens of all the others he asks about *

Will you oblige me by letting some one copy all Lesson says about *Icterus californicus* Rev. Jul 4th p. 238 There is no full set here accessible - the Astor Library has a broken set - but not that year -

* Can you tell me from your notes the real name of the Cuckoo from Central Am., called ^{+ *Melospiza*} *Parus mulleri* in Sol. Cat. - Forster & others say it is *circa* - & Sol. has said the true *mulleri* was from Bogota - but lately he speaks of it again as *mulleri* -

[New York] March 26th 1872

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TOWER HILL HOUSE,

Narragansett Pier, R. I., Augt 17th 1872

via N. Y. recd. your two letters of 18th July & 3rd Augt. about 40 days since - I intended writing you ~~before this~~ but got deferred doing so, as I had some ~~long~~ ^{lingering} hopes that we might still get on to the east. We have been at this place but have now given it up, though we expect for about ~~3 or 4 days~~ ^{3 or 4 weeks} I find it very pleasant to learn fr Bealoy to remain to stay a day or two & perhaps go somewhere inland from there from the Sea*. I ~~begin to feel more~~ ^{begin to feel more} before going home - ~~but not given up as fast~~ ^{like myself again} I hope soon to be ~~as I had hoped to~~ ^{as I had hoped to} but for the past two days all right - We have not determined ~~fully before again~~ when to leave here & as we are com-
fortably situated, think we might be ~~unable~~, during this month, to find sat-
isfactory quarters elsewhere - we shall ~~probably~~ get to Boston, but whether ~~farther east is uncertain~~ - We would have much enjoyed joining you and Mr & Mrs Boardman on your trip to the Provinces - and have no doubt you had a pleasant time - I received your two letters of the 18th July & of the 3rd incl. the former sent me by Dr Brewer

It has been extremely hot again in
New-York since we left - here the
thermometer has not been over 80°
& there is always a good breeze.

Hoping you are all well -

I am, yours truly

Geo. N. Lawrence



& the ^{panoramic} views seaward & inland ^{they} are unusually
picturesque - I have seldom been to a
place with such agreeable surroundings,
the ~~beach~~ ^{beach} is a very fine one for bathing,
but I have not indulged in it -

There is generally a fine breeze here
though a rather warm countenance in
the middle of the day we have had
no oppressive weather. in N.Y. it has
been fearfully hot again but I hope
such heated spells are over -

~~I have no doubt you have had a~~
~~glorious summer & as there are but~~
few more days of ^{summer} ~~the~~ left - suppose

you will soon be turning ^{your} steps homeward
I shall be glad to hear from you ~~soon~~ as to
of your movements. ~~please advise me~~ —
~~that I may know when you will be in N.Y.~~

Please direct to 172 Pearl St. as letters
sent there will be more certain to reach
me —

° I improved considerably here at first
but for about 10 days have not felt so
well though for the past two days I
^{grow} seem to be getting right again —

[Narragansett Pier, R. I.?] Augt. 17th 1872

Dear Baird

I recd your two letters of 18th July & 3 Augt. about 10 days since. I intended writing you ^ via N.Y. long before ~~since~~ this but deferred doing so, as I had some lingering hopes that we might still get on farther east, but have now given it up. We have been at this place for ~~about 10 days~~ 3 weeks & find it very pleasant, it is on high ground about a mile from the sea.*

though we expect to hear from Bogota tomorrow to stay a day or two & perhaps go somewhere inland from there before going home. ~~have not gained as fast as I had hoped to, but for the past I begin to feel more like myself again & hope two days feel better again soon to be all right. We have not determined when to leave here & as we are comfortably situated, think we might be unable, during this month, to find satisfactory quarters elsewhere we shall probably get to Boston, but whether farther east is uncertain.~~ We would have much enjoyed joining you and Mr & Mrs Boardman on your trip to the Provinces, and have no doubt you had a pleasant time. I received your true letters of the 18th July & of the 3d inst. ~~the former sent me by Dr Brewer~~

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~~I have no doubt you have had a glorious Summer & as there are but few more days of it Summer left, suppose~~

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