

To
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My Dear Young James

Should you not have heard of my return to the United States prior to this, I'm willing for the fact to you, I have been here with John in work. Along with that I find you a copy of my third Vol. of ornithological Biographies, hoping that it may give you some pleasure. — I am extremely desirous to procure in the flesh (Brethren and all ^{as possible} ~~as possible~~) ^{of our} ~~of our~~ ^{own} ~~own~~ ^{country} ~~country~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{best} ~~best~~ ^{specimens} ~~specimens~~ of birds more abundant, and more easily procured in your portion of America, than South of it, and would beg of you to fulfill for me the following commission, that is to say to procure for me ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{best} ~~best ^{specimens} ~~specimens~~ ^{of} ~~of~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{following} ~~following~~ ^{birds} ~~birds~~ ^{as} ~~as~~ ^{many} ~~many~~ ^{as} ~~as~~ ^{you} ~~you~~ ^{can} ~~can~~ ^{procure} ~~procure~~, and under other birds, or whatever other birds preferred by Commodore Pease or whatever other birds preferred by ^{you} ~~you~~ ^{to} ~~to ^{send} ~~send~~ ^{me} ~~me~~ ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ ^{the} ~~the ^{best} ~~best~~ ^{specimens} ~~specimens~~ ^{of} ~~of~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{following} ~~following~~ ^{birds} ~~birds~~ ^{as} ~~as~~ ^{many} ~~many~~ ^{as} ~~as~~ ^{you} ~~you~~ ^{can} ~~can~~ ^{procure} ~~procure~~, and if not by your own hands, to have them put into a good case, with a list of the specimens contained therein, and to ship this to New York, on the 1st of May next, to Nicholas Borthon Merchant, who is my Brother in Law, and an agent of some authority, you to draw at sight for the amount laid out by you for the specimens, Spirit &c. — If you will advise to this your will render the service and to myself a very great obligation, and I shall feel you should be able to pay them for you in return which you or your family or mine. — I hope your Dear Brother and family are well. Your kind in London was so when we left. What I predict my friend, my wife and I should to your Brother and family, accept the good wishes of mine and believe me ever sincerely Yours friend & Servant~~~~~~

John J Audubon

Please to acknowledge the receipt of this care of N. Borthon New York.

P.S. You may lay out to the amount of One hundred and fifty Dollars, in bird, Shirts and Casks. —
J. J. A.

Land Birds.

- Coshawk. ————— *Buteo palumbarius.*
- Broad winged Hawk. — " *penicillatus.*
- Rough legged do. — " *lagopus.*
- Savory Owl. ————— *Strix hyrcia.*
- Little acadian do. — " *scadica.*
- Hawk Owl. ————— *Junco.*
- Three toed Woodpecker. — *Picus tridactylus*
- Raven. ————— *Corvus corax.*
- Canada Jay ————— *Canadensis.*
- Republican Swallow. — *Hirundo fulva.*
- great Shrike. ————— *Lanius excubitor.*
- every species of Warbler which you can procure.
- Red billed Nuthatch. — *Sitta canadensis.*
- Hudson Bay Titmouse. — *Parus hudsonicus.*
- Shore Lark. ————— *Alauda alpina.*
- Sage Grouse. ————— *Cathartes aura.*
- Shaw Bird. ————— *Spizella socialis.*
- Pine Grosbeak. ————— *Parus canadensis.*
- Canada Sparrow. ————— *Salicet.*
- Willow Sparrow. ————— *Salicet.*
- Marsh Hawk. ————— *Buteo cyaneus.*
- Common Nighthawk. — " *vulgaris.*
- Common Owl. ————— *Strix cinerea. very large.*
- Slender billed Nuthatch. — *Sitta carolinensis.*
- Great Cedar Bird. ————— *B. B. B. B.*
- Common Titmouse. ————— *B. B. B. B.*
- Lepus red. Pall. ————— *B. B. B. B.*
- Lapland Long Sparrow ————— *Spizella lapponica.*
- Pratt's ground Finch. — " *Species of Icterus leucostriatus*
- White winged Crossbill. — *Loxia leucoptera.*

very estimable also that you may procure that you will think either rare or curious. —

Water Birds.

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| Hudsonian Curlew. | _____ | <i>Numenius hudsonicus.</i> | _____ |
| Purple Sandpiper. | _____ | <i>Tringa maritima.</i> | _____ |
| Hudsonian Godwit. | _____ | <i>Limosa hudsonica.</i> | you may see Juv. |
| Hyperborean Phalarope. | _____ | <i>Phalaropus hyperboreus.</i> | _____ |
| Wilson's Lo. | _____ | Lo. | _____ <i>Wilsoni</i> |
| Red. | _____ | Lo. | _____ <i>felicarius.</i> |
| Every species of Gulls & Terns | you may be able to get. | | |
| Pomarine Jaeger. | _____ | <i>Larus pomarinus.</i> | _____ |
| Arctic Lo. | _____ | " | _____ <i>paradoxus.</i> |
| Richardson's | _____ | " | _____ <i>Richardsoni</i> |
| Golden-tailed Petrel. | _____ | <i>Haloptilus leucurus.</i> | _____ |
| Bulwer's | _____ | <i>Bulweria glacialis.</i> | _____ |
| Wandering Tropicbird. | _____ | <i>Puffinus pacificus.</i> | _____ |
| Mitchell's Lo. | _____ | <i>Larus mitchelli.</i> | _____ |
| Jaeger Lo. | _____ | " | _____ <i>hyperboreus.</i> |
| Brant Lo. | _____ | " | _____ <i>branta.</i> |
| Pied Duck. | _____ | <i>Anas platyrhynchos (Pulchra)</i> | _____ |
| Long-tailed Duck. | _____ | " | _____ <i>glacialis</i> |
| Golden Duck. | _____ | " | _____ <i>melanotos.</i> |
| King Duck. | _____ | " | _____ <i>spatularis.</i> |
| Maclean's Duck. | _____ | " | _____ <i>macleani.</i> |
| I should like to have 1 or 2 of the latter. | Particularly <i>branta</i> | | |
| Little Auk. | _____ | <i>Uria lomvia.</i> | _____ |
| Great Auk | _____ | <i>Uria lomvia.</i> | _____ |
| Red-throated Lo. | _____ | <i>Uria lomvia.</i> | _____ |
| Black Lo. | _____ | <i>Uria lomvia.</i> | _____ |
| Large-billed Lo. | _____ | <i>Lo. beamishii.</i> | _____ |
| Common Puffin. | _____ | <i>Morimus arcticus.</i> | _____ |
| and all others of the family. | _____ | | |
| Razor-billed Auk. | _____ | <i>Uria lomvia.</i> | _____ |

I conceive that it would be well to have the land and the Water Birds divided into different cases, say one for each division. — This is a very troublesome affair to you, but I sincerely hope that you will assist in it as I would do in any thing conducive to your pleasure or convenience. I send this by our ship, and for fear of its miscarriage, will forward a duplicate in a few days.

Yours most truly
J. J. H.