

Saint Louis, July 27th, 1840.

Dear Sir:—

Your Communication dated June 13th, came to hand this day and was placed in my hands by the Corresponding Secretary, (Dr. Carpenter.) In reply, I have to say, that nothing would gratify me more than to send the Specimens, to which you refer, by the first Conveyance; but in consequence of the absence of Dr. Engelmann from the U.S. (he having undertaken to exchange with you,) ~~hence~~, I am unacquainted with his arrangements relating to it, hence, I feel a delicacy in interfering with his plans. Your communication of to-day is the first intimation which I judge relative to a correspondence upon the subject.

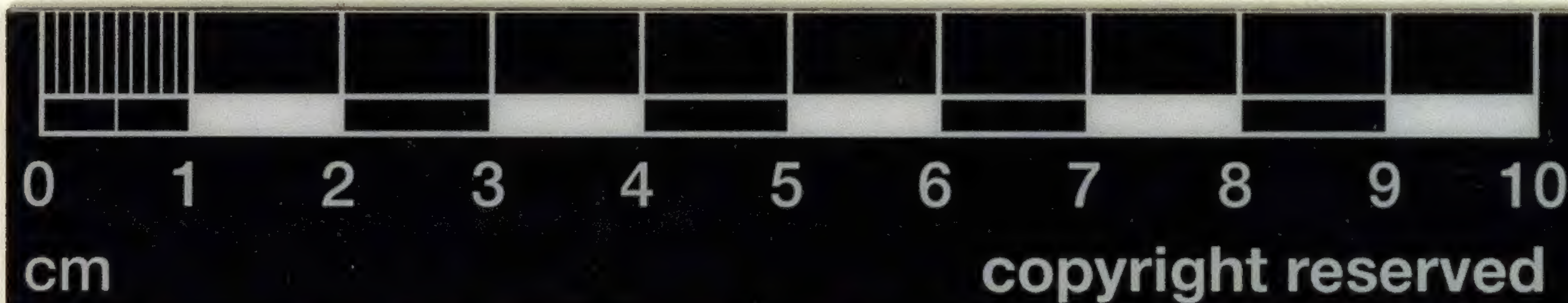
Dr. Engelmann will return in August or September when you may expect the fulfilment of his promise and in the mean time I expect to make some valuable acquisitions to our collection of reptiles, however, if the Dr. should not return within the time specified, I will take it upon myself to comply strictly with your wishes.

If at any time you will honour us with objects of Natural History, (whatever you can spare) they will be gratefully received and promptly reciprocated.

With much regard, I am
Yours A. S. Servant

J. E. Halbrook M.D.

B. B. Brown



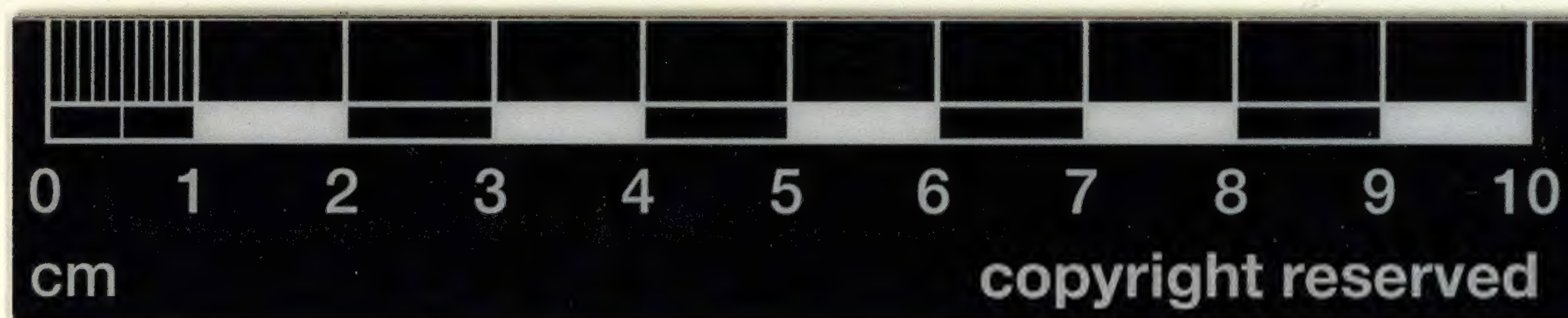
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Transcript of a reply to
a letter received from Dr.
J. S. Hildbrand, Charleston S.C.
Dated June 13. Reply dated
July 27th 1840.

Dr. Hildbrand

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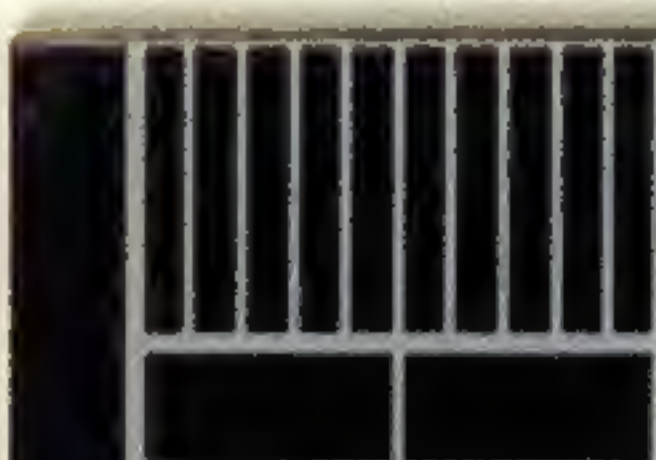
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Holbrook

Charleston June 13-1840

Dear Sir

Some months since I wrote you, with a request to that you would give my thanks to the Gentlemen of your association for the honor done in electing me a corresponding member of their body - & expressing my willingness to enter fully into any of their views for the advancement of Nat. Science in our country - and requesting them to inform me in what way I could be of any service to them - At the same time I wrote to Dr Engelman in answer to some propositions of his touching an exchange for my work on the Reptiles of the United States - but as no answer has been received to either letter it is presumed they miscarried & I again address you on the subject - The Dr. A. Herpetology is finished as far as Vol IV, and the 2 last will be out in December next - this will complete the external forms & of our reptiles after that I shall go on with the anatomical portion of the work - as far as is done is at the service of your society - and I only wish to know how it can be forwarded to you - I have frequently sent Frost books to Nashville by way of N. Orleans & perhaps this might be the preferable way - as to specimens for your cabinet I will send whatever you desire if they can be procured in our State and such duplicates as can be spared from our Museum - In return I wish 1 - Specimens of all your reptiles at once to be forwarded to Dr E. Hallowell in Philadelphia - who will charge himself with them and have drawings, some if necessary - These shall all be returned to you safely next December.



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- if these have been kept in alcohol for a long time
I should like notes as to their colors as well as can be remembered
2. I should like you to have collected (as far as you can
in so short a time) all the reptiles possible - and sent
to Philadelphia by Sept. 1. In this way the color will be
but slightly changed before they come to my hands -
 - 3 I want especially all your rattlesnakes from high up
the river & the Bufo cognatus of Say -
 - 4 a specimen of Emys greatly resembling the Emys picta
~~but~~ Richard I brought me the drawing of one - and
lately I see Desmear has described it as a new
species under the name "sanguinea" if you have
not the whole animal send the shell -
- hoping soon to hear from you I remain

yours &

J. E. Holbrook



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Handwritten text, possibly a name or date.

Large, stylized handwritten signature or name, possibly 'P. J. ...'.

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J. J. Carpenter M.D.

Saint Louis

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*J. J. Carpenter
From Dr. Hallmark
venture to exchange of letters
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