

Cambridge.

April 1st, 1895.

My dear Scott:-

Which I shall be glad to help you unreservedly in the matter of my mounted birds it occurs to me on thinking over the matter that I cannot let you have them that you want immediately without first making a definite written agreement with you, or with Mr. Agassiz, or with you both, as to the final disposal of the entire collection. This, I am sure, will strike you as eminently proper and, indeed, necessary. Of course I could not allow

you to take the price of the
collection and leave the remainder
on my hands. There are some
that I should myself discard
but the bulk of the collection
must go together in the end.
Then, too, I must be first
assured that the specimens will
be in some way protected against
the effects of the light. I have
protected them too long & too
carelessly to be willing to see
them faded out in a few years.
There are still other points that
I must consider & guard against.
Your present needs, however, can
be easily provided for. I should
think, by the temporary loan
of such specimens as you want &
I can spare pending our
final agreement. On these terms
you can have them at short
notice.

Very sincerely
William Brewster.

Cambridge -

Aug. 21st 1898.

My dear Scott:

I am glad to know
by your letter of yesterday
that you hope to secure
funds sufficient to pay
your indebtedness to the
Museum employees by Sept. 1st
Believe me it will not do
to temporize now, in view
of the position in which
you have placed Mr. Agassiz,
with the prospect of future
large subscriptions answer the
present exigency.

It would be indeed a shame
and a better disappointment

to all concerned in it to
have your enterprise fail at
this stage, but if it is to
go on the present complications
must be speedily and wholly
disposed of.

Yours sincerely

William Brewster

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