

Robert Newstead.

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My dear Sir,

I am very grateful to you for your
kind note ^{especially} for the high terms on which you
speak of my work as a Taxidermist.

As to the skins I will do my best
to obtain all the species you require &
will not send other than authenticated
specimens i.e. none without full particulars
as to sex, locality, date, & other information
if were necessary: in short I will strictly
carry out your desires - if I cannot do
this you will have to do without the
specimen. Many of the species you have
marked will be very hard to get, but I will
do my best. As to price you shall have
them as reasonable as possible; the common
species will be reasonable enough but for
the rare British birds I shall have to pay

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a good price. I shall procure as many
specimens as possible in the flesh. As
to making up the skins: you shall have
them made to your wish as far as possible
but send me a sample or two that I may
be guided in the right way, I will
go on in the mean-time.

I send you
per parcels post the photograph of
the youngkestrels (Falco tinnunculus)
which I trust will please you. am
sorry however that it is such a
bulky concern, & if you think it so
& cannot conveniently carry it with
you please return it to me, & I
will get another copy unmounted
& send it to yr address in America.
I would not trouble you with it
only thought you might like to see
it. The price is 10/- It is a beautiful
Platinotype print, but I think the picture
might be reduced so as to do away
with some of the background.

With very kind regards & best wishes for a safe
journey home.

Very faithfully yrs

Robt Newstead

P.S. We have had an unfortunately wet Summer here which
must have been bad for you. I have only just returned
from a 3 week's holiday part of which I spent in
the County of Norfolk, where I saw several birds that
w^d have pleased you. Did you get to hear the Nightingale?

I have just been informed that I am to have the
* "Kingsley Memorial Medal" presented to me for
my Zoological studies — on the 30th inst.
I am truly thankful R.N.

* Founded in memory of Charles Kingsley.