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12/14

1886

Mr William Brewster,

Dear Sir,

I have a fine specimen of Florida burrowing owl and an Oystercatcher in the skin. I will sell the owl to you for 3.50 and the oystercatcher for 1.50. These birds were collected by myself and are labeled with date, locality and sex. I also have a Florida burrowing owl mounted in first class manner that I will sell for 5.00

Respectfully yours  
John Cahoon

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Mr Wm Brewster,  
Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 17<sup>th</sup> to hand, and I send the out an-  
waiting by to-day's mail. The other two are in the collection of Fred  
Carpenter, I am thinking of taking a collecting trip South but  
have not decided as yet. I shall know in a week or ten days. I should  
want to look at the skins of the ducks etc you speak of, and see  
if I could make a satisfactory job of them and if so I should  
prefer to charge for the time spent. Could I make any arrangements  
to collect for you the winter in the South or the Bahamas or  
elsewhere. I can make up a

first class skins as quickly  
as any collector

Most truly yours  
John C. Cahoon

J. C. Cahoon

Dec. 20 - 1886

J. C. Cahoon

Jan. 20. 1887

BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

In New York State, on  
train for Chicago -

Thursday Morning -  
Mr. Wm. Brewster, -

Dear Sir, -

I received the pass-port  
that you left at Webster,  
for me, yesterday before  
I started. I left the bag  
and your parcel at Webster  
for you. If you do not  
care for the bag, ask  
Mr. Fred Carpenter to take  
care of it until I get back.

If it suits you, take it, and  
give me credit for 4.00. I  
noticed that it was wired  
onto the stand rather  
loosely but as you would  
no doubt change the  
stand your <sup>own</sup> by it to suit

yourself was very much  
surprised when I came  
to prepay the freight on  
the can and the box I sent  
to Huachuca yesterday  
from Boston. The weight  
was 2.80 lbs and the cost  
was \$13.64 and as it cost  
me 1.00 to get them to  
Boston, it figured up to  
14.64 Please excuse this  
writing as the train is  
moving very fast

Respectfully yours  
John C. Cahoon

BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

H Huachuca, Arizona Feb. 2/13  
Mr Brewster,

Dear Sir,

I should have written to you before, but I had only been here a few days when Lieut Benson arrived and as he was going down into Mexico after some quail, and offered me a chance to go with him I went down there and only got back Friday. We had two mules and a buckboard and we went 130 miles into Mexico. The Lieut. had seen some quail down where we went and as there was one kind that he thought was very rare he wanted to get some.

very much. We got four kind of quail, but the ones we wanted were a top knot quail. I got eight of them, although all but two were ♀. I have never seen them described in books and think they are very rare. I also got fourteen Bob whites, the quail that the ♀ looks like our eastern bob-white. These were common. Also got gambels and masena quail. On our way back at one of the ranches we stopped at a dog got at my skins and tore up four of my quail skins. We got caught in a severe rain storm and had to drive 40 miles, but we got our skins through all right. About going down into Mexico. I shall go down in about three weeks. I had only



collected two days about the Pass  
when I went into Mexico. The  
information Mr Corey gave me  
about Mexico does not answer  
for Sonora at all. It is a  
very hard country to travel  
in. On the one rail road  
The rates are 10¢ per mile  
and only 25 lbs of baggage is  
allowed to be carried free  
of charge. The maps that  
we examined of Mexico  
were not at all right the  
way we thought was best  
for me to do was to go  
down on the rail road and  
then travel overland to  
some town in the Mountains  
The map we looked at did  
not give many mountains  
between some places, but  
there are mountains all the  
way between. If I go down

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on the railroad there is only  
one place that I can get  
across the country and that  
is Hermosilla - 180 miles from  
Huachuca. It would cost me  
30.00 or 35.00 to get there with  
all of my baggage and I  
would then have to get  
transportation over the moun-  
tains. Now from what I can  
learn from Lieut Benson  
and others there is a nice  
town about 200 miles south  
of Huachuca in Mexico called  
"Oposura." It is about 60 miles  
below the ranch we were at  
in Mexico. There are plenty of  
those rare quail there also  
swamps and from what I  
can learn it would be a  
splendid place to collect.  
About 10 miles to the east of this  
town is a small town right  
in the heart of the mountains  
and I have no doubt but  
there are rare birds there.  
In these same mountains about  
100 miles below this place  
is where Lieut Benson

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shot his large woodpecker and  
he says there is no doubt but  
that I may get some at  
the place I speak of.

The place of course is a  
very wild country and it  
has been some time since  
there has been any train  
at all down that way. Now  
I could get transportation  
direct from some place  
near Hurdons as cheap and  
I think a little less than  
I could go down there by  
railroad. I had not idea  
that it cost so much for  
transport down here. I think  
that I will have to be very  
careful in my trip.

impossible, to get anything over  
the line, without paying for  
it. Everything is very high in  
Arizona and Mexico. In Sonora,  
flour is 12¢ per lb and other  
things to compare. There is no  
there Huachuca. The post  
is seven miles from the station.  
It took me several days to  
get my trunk and I have not  
got my freight yet. There  
is a hotel at this post  
and the rates are 3.00  
per day. I stopped there  
a few days and I got a  
place at the Hospital,  
to sleep and take my  
meals at one of the sergeants  
house. The Gen. at the  
post is a very nice man  
and gave me a good place  
to work in. I shall most  
likely come out considerable

behind my expenses but  
as per agreement I shall  
go down into Mexico and  
do the very best that I can  
for you. I will write again  
as soon as I get a chance  
and let you know about  
what birds there are at the  
spot. Please write and  
let me know if you think  
it best to go to the town  
I write about - etc.

Trusting to hear from you  
soon I remain,

Most truly yours  
John A. Calhoun

J. C. Cahoon

Feb. 13 1887

BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

St. H. ... Feb 20th

Dear Sir,

I am glad that you  
can't think that you can  
be to be paid for the  
work you have done to  
get a result. I am glad  
that things are from the  
mines up to the ... He  
is on his way up here now  
and I am going to try and  
get a chance to see him  
with him. I had me not  
at all at all here. I  
had a few more ...  
see as far as this town  
the year. I have collected  
about 100 birds this year

worked about two weeks. I  
have taken 35 different kinds  
of birds about the Ft and  
about 30 different in Mexico.  
My usual count up to 5 kinds  
now. The birds about here  
now are mostly sparrows  
, cowbirds, Arizona Jays -  
Blue birds, towhees, and warblers,  
meadow larks, and mourning  
doves. I think I have taken  
some nice specimens of  
sparrows. It is quite cool  
out here now more so than  
when I first came. My  
freight arrived all right  
the last week. Would  
you please get for me  
and send by mail a small  
magnifying glass or pocket lens.  
I forgot to bring one with me.  
I will ship you what birds  
I have on hand before I



go down into Mexico -

Most truly yours

John C. Calhoun

J. C. Cahoon

Feb. 20 1887

J. C. Cahoon

BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB. Feb. 28. 1887

Ft Huachuca A. T. - Feb 28-1887

Mr Brewster, -

Dear Sir, -

Your letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> received this evening I packed six quail and will send them to you to-morrow. The two kinds that are most rare I send a ♂ and ♀ of each. Of the 49-50 130 ♂ Whites in the ♂'s some of the throats are all black, and some of them have white streaked in. The no 55 and 68 was about as com as the top whites 49-50 but I had some what hard luck getting them. One of the men in the ranch found a flock of about 30 in one of the canons and drove six of them down

near the ranch and then came  
after me to shoot them. I went  
out and shot them and every  
one was ♀'s. They say that there  
are a great many of them at  
Oposuma. - The measurements  
of No 55 are Length 10.65 Extent 14.55  
Wing 4.25 Eyes Hazel -

No 68 not measured -

No 60, length 9.30 Extent 14.00 Wing 4.09  
I have the measurements of most  
all of the quail in the book I  
will send you. Tomorrow or  
next day I will pack up  
some small birds and send  
you.

I have collected 250 birds  
so far. There are not many birds  
about here now - and it is hard  
work to get them in the mountains.  
I chased several Bucards  
Finches about three miles up  
a mountain to get them.

The only arrivals I have seen  
from the south are the rocky  
mountain bluebirds.

The State of Sonora in Mexico  
is different from any other part  
and the customhouse officers  
do about as they like. It is not  
like the large towns or cities.  
They don't have any rates but  
charge about what they like.  
Those papers from Secretary  
Bayard have helped me quite  
a lot about this post, but  
when you get into Sonora  
it is out of the U.S. and those  
Mexicans don't care a snap  
about the Sec of U.S. Of  
course I shall do the very best  
that I can for you, but I  
don't expect to make but  
very little out of the trip. I  
shall have to get as much of an outfit  
to go down for 5 months as for

a year. To go down to Oposura  
a person has got to camp on  
the way as the ranches are far  
apart, so one has got to go  
prepared to camp. I could  
go down on the railroad with  
less expense and much less  
work, but I want to go down  
into the mountains about Oposu-  
ra as I think I can get some  
nice birds there. But it is  
quite a dangerous trip as the  
Mexicans are very bad in these  
small towns, and as far as I  
can learn it is the very worst  
part of Mexico. I am not at  
all afraid only it is lots of  
trouble to watch them and see  
that they don't steal everything  
I have. I don't think any one  
has ever collected through  
the mountains from Oposura down.  
It will no doubt be hard work to  
ship birds from Oposura, and  
I should hardly dare to trust  
them, unless I was pretty sure of  
whom I sent them by. They  
would have to go 200 miles  
in a team on a rough road  
however, if I saw a good chance.

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I might send some - Then they would stand a chance of being overhauled by the custom house officers. You show what you have at one town and the officers says all right and when you get to the next town just as likely as not you have to show everything again and they bother you as much as they can - Of course I think my passport will help me ~~again~~ some but I don't depend on it. I have seen what those fellows are. I shall try and start in a week or so but you can address me at Ft Huachuca.

until I start, and I will let  
you know as soon as I make  
a start, and send you what  
buds I have. I will get the  
boxes quail registered so that  
it will go through safely.  
I trust that you will receive  
the quail all right and be  
pleased with them. I remain

Most truly yours  
John C. Calhoun



BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

Fort Huachuca, A.T. March 5<sup>th</sup> 1887

Mr Brewster. -

Dear Sir. -

I shall start from here to-morrow  
for Fairbanks about 20 miles from  
here. I have a chance to go down  
into Mexico with a man that  
is going to Nacozari - and I  
then get is about 50 miles from  
there to Oposura. The man will  
take me down to Nacozari for  
20.00 and I think that I can get  
from there to Oposura for 12.00  
or 15.00 I shall start from ~~Nacozari~~  
Fairbanks Monday morning. -  
I have packed in all will ship you  
by express from Fairbanks Monday  
with what birds I have - about 300  
The note book is fastened on to

the parting in the lot. I trust that they will be received, in  
good condition, and be satisfactory. After you have looked  
them over, you can write and let me know how I can  
improve, or the make up of the skin - for I think there may  
be some that are not as nice as they ought to be. Birds  
are quite scarce about here now. In looking up the numbers  
in the note book, you will find several missing -  
Those were destroyed by a dog on the ranch we stopped  
at. Hunt Benson shot a specimen of long-crested jay  
about 10 miles up in the mountains to day. I went up  
there twice after them but could not find any. It  
is very tiresome walking so far and then chasing birds  
over the mountains. Hunt Benson goes out on horse  
back - You had better address me at Oposura  
in your next letter and I will write just as soon as  
I get there and perhaps before.

Respectfully yours  
John C. Calton

P.S. If you want a correct map  
of Sonora, Mexico send to Warren Holt  
1443 Montgomery St San Francisco  
It is the only map worth a cent.  
It gives the roads - I bought one in  
Yombstone -

J. C. Cahoon

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BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

Nacosari Mexico March 29 1887

Mr Brewster.-

As I shall not get a chance to mail my letters, or send them up to Arizona until tomorrow I will write a second letter to night. I have packed two boxes of birds and will send them up to Tombstone and have them mailed with the letters. They are as follows,

307 <sup>March 11 1887</sup> Sparrow. Shot in corn about 25 miles from San Pedro in Wyo Co. Saw quite a number of them about the brook

309 yellow-headed Blackbird. Shot at Fronteriza March 18-1887. Very abund-

331. Wren. Shot at Nacosari March 20.

Com. Shot on the stone along the brook

335 Cactus Wren. Shot at Nacosari March 29

Saw several of these 3 species tomorrow

Shot at Nacosari March 21<sup>st</sup> - 340 The  
same - 343 Nashville Warbler - Tol com  
344 - Flycatcher, Only one that  
I saw - 350 Puna Dove - Com - Shot at  
Nacosari March 22 - 358 Green tit  
Only one that I saw - 359 Costa  
Hummer, Abund - 364 Bullocks  
Oriole - Shot all that I have seen  
of these Nacosari Mexico March 23  
373 - Goldfinch - Abund 375  
Costa Hummer, abund - 376 Costa  
Hummer - 378 Blk-capped Flycatcher  
warb. tol com - 379 Green Hummer  
381 Costa Hummer - 384 Cactus  
Wren - 385 - Wren - Shot on  
<sup>brush</sup> near brook - Saw several - 386. Black  
throated gray warbler - Only one  
that I saw. Shot on mesquite bush  
near the brook - Nacosari March 24 -  
399 Black and yellow Oriole, Only  
one that I saw - 403, Flycatcher  
Only one I saw - 405 Little buff breasted  
Flycatcher. Saw only two which I shot

Uacosari Mch 25 -

410 Greenlet. Only one that I saw

416 Red-backed Rufous Hummer -

Only one that I saw - 423 <sup>Painted</sup> Flycatcher

Warbler. Saw several of these 427

Hooded Oriole - Only one that I

saw. 442 - Tit. Only one

that I saw. Shot on brush fence

I think this last one  
must be quite rare - I am informed

that Oposuma is very hot in May -

being in a sort of basin - Now I have

a plan to propose - I think

this as a very good place to collect

Now I could go down to Oposuma

and stop until the 1<sup>st</sup> of May

or until it gets too hot, then come

back to this place. By that

time the birds will commence

to breed and I can get some good

eggs - I am informed that there

is a town about east from

here in the mountainous, on a

rice river. The town is called

Oputa about 40 miles from here,  
and from what I can learn it  
is a very fine place for birds.  
Now when I reach Oposura I  
shall have fulfilled my agree-  
ment in the number of miles to  
be traveled. I cannot afford  
to travel further as I am way behind  
on my expenses now. Now if you  
are willing to pay the expense  
of getting transportation from  
Huasava to Oputa, when I come  
back here, from Oposura I  
will go over there and collect  
a month or more. Huasava  
a town is about 21 miles below  
Oputa on the same river, and I  
could go down there if you  
like. I shall leave what birds  
I collect about here, and some  
of my baggage at this place, and  
get my birds when I return. I  
think when I come back ~~to~~  
this place I can send what birds  
I have on hand - up to Fairbanks  
and have them shipped to  
you. You can write me at  
Oposura and let me know  
what you think of my plan.

Very respectfully yours  
John A. Allen

J. C. Cahoon

March 24 1887

BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB,

(Ex Nacosari, Mexico)

Nacosari, Mexico March 24 1887

Mr Wm. Brewster;

Dear Sir,

I wrote you a few lines last week and sent it to Arizona to be mailed but as you may not get it I will write again to night as I have a chance to send this letter up to Tombstone Arizona by a man to morrow. I arrived here last Saturday after a 12 days trip. The team that I came down on did not go any further so I was obliged to wait here until I can get transportation to Coposura about 44 miles. I did not get a chance to collect much on this way here as we did not make camp until dark and got away early in the morning. There were several places I



have liked to collect over but it was no use to shoot as I could not  
get a chance to do the birds. What few birds that I did collect. I skinned and  
made up by the camp fire. I collected about 20 birds. Got a fine  
specimen of Great horned owl. Very much bleached. Macosari is a small  
mining town in the Macosari Canon. A small creek or brook runs  
through the canon. There are quite a number of birds here and new ones  
arriving every day. My four days work is 87 birds which I think is fair  
for this country. A man can't go in for number, in this country, as it  
is too mountainous for large number of birds. A few of my birds taken  
here are as follows Long eared jay - Vermillion Flycatcher - Six or seven  
different flycatchers - Costa Hummers - Cactus Hummers - Cactus  
Wren - Curve billed Thrasher - Yellow, Washoe, Black capped,  
Black throated grey, and Audubon's Warblers, - Inca doves - Bullocks, and  
7 Black and yellow Orioles - Violet green swallow - Gold-tit - Goldfinch  
Dundrops finch etc etc - Birds are now arriving every day. You  
no doubt have got my birds by this time. Your letter of the 1st  
was sent to me from Ft Huacanca - About going to Ft  
Huacanca in my way back. It is very expensive living at Ft  
Huacanca - and I shall have to get transportation to that  
place as no teams through there. In my note book that I  
sent with my birds, I wrote all about the country about Huacanca  
- but in case there is any thing that you wish to know, that  
is not in the notes, let me know and I will answer in my next

I received the packet less  
a day ago. I shall most likely  
take both specimens of the two  
rare quail at Oposura so you  
can get evidence of its being  
taken south of our other trip  
There are several of the elegant  
Blue quail about here, but I  
have tried several times to shoot  
a ♂ that I saw up the side of  
a mountain where I think he has  
a nest - Am glad to hear of the  
success of Mr. Traylor but I  
am sure he could not get  
so many birds where I was  
(of course I could collect  
many more in a day if I did not  
want to get a large variety - I chased  
the long crested jay about two miles  
up the mountain as I was afraid  
I might not strike them again  
although I may find them  
again before I get back -  
I am paying 1.00 per day for meals  
at this place which is considered  
very reasonable in this country -  
When you write to me address me  
at Oposura -

Very truly yours  
John A. Rehn

J. C. Cahoon.  
Apr. 3-1887

BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

Opalton, Mexico, April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1887  
Mr Brewster,-  
Dear Sir,-

I arrived here yesterday and found a letter from you at the post office from Cambridge, dated Nov 15<sup>th</sup>. I sent a letter and a package of birds to Tombstone Arizona, to be mailed to you about a week ago. I was much disappointed in this place. It is in a low basin. It is very hot here. There is a river or brook about a mile or two below here but the land along the river is all fenced in so that one can hardly get about at all. There is a town call Campas that I stopped at on my way down

about half way between Nacosari that I want to collect <sup>birds</sup> at. I saw some nice herons and other birds on the river at that place. I shall not stop at Oposuma but a short time, at that place there is several cases of small pox, but I should not mind that if it was a good place to collect at. I think Nacosari the best place I have found to collect at and when I get back there I am going up to a mine about 6 miles in the mountains where I think I can get some good birds. There are several pair of Antiochite Hawks building nest at Nacosari and I should like to get some sets of eggs. While I am away it will give the birds a chance to build. I have taken several hummers at Nacosari since I sent you the cigars lotes of birds from there. and one kind I feel quite certain is not described in the "Key to N. A. Birds" as I have carefully looked up the different kinds. The other one I do not think is described. Nacosari is a good place for Orioles, and the day before I came away I took two ♂ and a ♀ hooded oriole. I left about 200 birds in my trunk at Nacosari and when I get back, I will try and send those and the ones I get down here up to Fairbanks and have them shipped to you. You ask me if I sent you any quail by mail from Ft. Huachuca. The very day that I got a letter from you asking me to send you a specimen

of the quails that Benson and I got, I packed a cigar box of six quails, a ♂ and ♀ of the Pensils, a ♂ and ♀ of the bob white and a ♂ of Masena and Gambels. I also wrote you a letter at the same time I registered the cigar box as I always do a package. And I have the registry receipt in hand now. It is dated March 1<sup>st</sup> Camp Huachuca.

I am sorry that you have not received the lot as there was as the quail was very fine specimens - I am glad to learn that the skins I sent pleased you, and I am sure that this next lot will be much better. I am doing my best to get us large variety of birds as I can and have not gone in for museum birds at all. I like the plan of wrapping in cotton very well. I had my things packed down here in mules. It cost me \$16.00 to get my things down here from Naco. If I make another trip into the country I shall be prepared to camp out and take a tent with me.

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and pan-mules and a man to pack  
if you had better address me at  
Opossum as I change my mail  
very often from those there and  
I see that I know of - Which  
you get that man you can see  
you - where I am as it is very  
accurate as far as I have been  
By the way - will you please  
subscribe for "Auk" for me  
commencing 1881 - and have it  
sent to my address at Taunton  
Mass.

Most truly yours  
J. S. Cahoon.

J. C. Cahoon

Apr 10 - 1887

BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

1887  
Oposura, Sonora, Mexico April 10 -

Mr Brewster,

Dear Sir,

I received a letter from you today that had been sent to Ft Huachuca, dated March 7<sup>th</sup>. I received one last week of a later date and I sent you a letter by this week's mail. I have collected about here just one week and have taken some 95 specimens. This is not a very good place to collect at) but I think that I shall stop here a week or so longer - I may take a trip up into a mountain where there is a pond of water about 15 miles from here. It is very warm here now. The land river here

is all fenced in with brush which  
are covered with thorns and the  
trees are along between the fields  
Whenever you shoot a bird he  
is sure to fall on the other side  
of the fence. It is hard work  
to get over and if you go round  
it takes a longer while and it  
is hard work to find the place  
There are dense thickets of mesquite  
and thorny bushes along the edges  
of the hills, but when I shoot  
a bird in those places it is about  
impossible to find it. I have  
packed a cigar box of birds  
and will send them to you by  
mail. There are several birds in it  
that I consider as being very  
rare or new. An oriole sparrow  
and cactus wren. You will see  
by the measurements that the  
cactus wren is small compared  
with the com cactus wren.



I have a *Hummer* at Naosau that I think is new, as I cannot find any other specimen of it.

The birds that I see are as follows -

Oposura April 4<sup>th</sup>  
519 Wren ♀ - 2 or 3 eggs Kingfisher

♀ Have taken some of these. (

Oposura April 5<sup>th</sup>

527 Greenlet ♀ Corn -

532 Sparrow ♂ Saw two of these.

Oposura April 6<sup>th</sup>

540 Bull ♂ Not on megquite bush, on side of hill near river.

543 Blue capped Great carolin ♂ Only one seen. Shot on megquite bush on side of hill.

544 Greenlet ♂ Corn -

549 Hummer ♂

550 " ♀

551 Cactus Wren ♀

Measurements	
Length	9.00
Extent	9.50
Wing	2.90
Tail	2.70

Bill 80

Oposura April 7<sup>th</sup>  
563 Greenlet ♀ Corn

564 " ♂

565 Flycatcher " " Eyes brown

566 Sparrow ♂ Only one seen.

Oposura April 8<sup>th</sup>

568 Red tailed. Red tailed Hummer ♂ taken

570 " " " " ♀ " "

571 Colaptes Hummer ♂ Only one

574 Sparrow - ♂ Only one taken

576 Orange crowned Warbler ♀ Corn

Some of my birds taken last week are as follows White winged Dove,

Thru water, come on low hills  
Washes Intermedial of a great  
browed encumbrance. When  
Gambel's quail, Bendon's Quail,  
Hoode & Quail, Violet green  
Sparrows, Gold finch - Two species  
Grackles - Cardinal - Green  
Standing female - Azure winged  
Change colored and Washed  
Warblers - and Caracara -  
There are lots of quail  
here but it is impossible to  
find them as they are in the  
wheat fields and the wheat  
is about 2 feet high. I found  
one flock of Bendon's Quail  
Warblers but they got into a  
dense thicket and by a snap  
-out. I got one male & I think  
I may get some more before  
I leave here. I heard some  
Bobwhites in the morning  
but could not find them.  
I will write you again before  
I leave here. My mail had  
to be sent here. I sent  
you a lot of quail by mail from  
St. Huasaca and have the  
registry receipt in my pocket.  
I trust that you have received

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the boxes of birds I sent to Mrs. Stone  
Arizona, to be mailed. Please  
let me know if there was any-  
thing care in the lot. I shall  
have by the time I get back to  
Nacassaw for skin or more  
Had I better send them up to  
Arizona by a team if I get  
a chance, and ship them to  
you, or shall I wait until  
I come up? I don't think there  
will be any danger of losing  
them lost.

Most truly yours,

John D. Baker

P. S. The election of Governor  
takes place in this state this  
month and a revolution is  
expected, but they want

bother me. An American stoted  
9.00 of money last week, but  
if he is in Maersum when I  
get back I shall make him  
give it up. There is lots of  
robbing going on about this  
state now. A gang of men went  
through a town about 30 miles  
from here and got \$20,000 and  
one day this week a Doc, was  
robbed of everything that he  
had by a gang of men. I shall  
however be on the lookout.

Yours  
O.C.

J. C. Cahoon  
Apr. 17. 1887

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Oposura Souwa Mexico, April 17, 1887  
Mr William Brewster, -

Dear Sir, -

I did not get any letter from you by this last weeks mail although I expected one. About 3 weeks ago I sent a letter and 2 cigar boxes of birds up to Tom Stone to be mailed to you. Since I have been here, two weeks, I have written to you twice and last week I sent you a cigar box containing quite a number of birds. I trust that you have received them all by this time. I don't receive scarcely any mail here and I am afraid that it don't get through this

Last week I collected 103 birds  
and I send you a lot ~~with~~  
with ten birds. I send an oval  
that is not described in "Cove's  
Key" I have taken two of  
them both ♂s and seen several  
others I also send two wag-  
tails of which I have taken  
4. I send a ♂ Kingfisher.  
These are to Com. I sent  
you one last week a ♀ "Cove's  
Key" says that the ♂ of this  
species has not red collar  
and that a ♀ supposed ♀  
has a red collar. Now I have  
found it just the reverse. The  
two first I took had no  
red collar and was ♀s. These  
last two I took are ♂s and  
have a red collar. The other  
birds I send are as follows  
607 <sup>Ceryle alcyon</sup> Rough-winged Swallow ♂ Com.  
608 Red-backed Rufous Hum. ♂ Abund.  
609 Macgillivray's Warbler ♂ 00  
624 Red-backed Rufous Hum. ♂ "

- (C. possum - April 13<sup>th</sup> 1881 } Length 9.00 Ext. int 12.75  
 637 possum April 13<sup>th</sup> } 1/2 inch, pale horn on  
 662 Wren - C. Culyone that I saw } base of bill, mandible  
 668 - Sparrow } and I saw  
 (C. possum April 13<sup>th</sup> 1881 }  
 680 Wagtail ♂ } see four of these in  
 682 " ♂ } the 1<sup>st</sup> copy the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 189 Texas green Kingfisher ♂ Tol  
 con

(The birds taken this week  
 as new are as follows -  
 Black headed Song - Greenery  
 Taken with ♂ and 2 ♀ - Texas  
 Woodpecker - Parson Crow,  
 Ch. Woodpecker, Blue  
 capped Tit on camp Warbler  
 - Red Tit, - Cactus Wren,  
 Small bird like the one  
 I sent you last week two  
 fine specimens of the red  
 tit, - Green Heron - Dwarf  
 Cowbird - Ground Squirrel  
 Woodpecker, Blue  
 - Saw of Tit -  
 I wrote you many

letter, that I sent from Macosari  
about going over to Coputa  
when I get back from this  
place. I have altered my  
plan. The man I am stopping  
with is going over to Granada  
a town about 35 miles East  
from here on a river. It is  
about 3 miles below Huasabas  
the town I wrote you about  
Now I can get over there in  
sum quite reasonable, and  
after stopping there a moment  
go up to Coputa and then  
thence to Macosari. Thus  
collecting a 29 term.

like this, - Macosari Coputa  
If you have  
the map know  
about you can  
see the places Huasabas Coposura Granada  
part of. Now I shall  
make the trip knowing  
that I shall get some nice  
specimens and trusting  
to your generosity to help  
me out on my expenses. To mor-  
row or next day I shall



Take a horse and pack  
"Loony" and go to Macosari  
taking what skins I have  
with me and leave them  
at that place so that I  
can get them on my way  
back from Opun. I can go  
to Macosari and back  
in three days so that I  
won't lose much time  
I think this is a good chance  
for me to go over to Grama-  
da. With the Joe I am sup-  
plying with is a very econo-  
mizing man and will do  
all he can to help me  
I direct your letters to  
Whosua as I can get my  
mail best from there.  
Kind regards up to Ma-  
yob-

Most truly yours

R. S. Small (the quite true) about  
see now

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1871  
Oposura, Sonora Mexico April 24<sup>th</sup>  
Mr Wm. Brewster,

Dear Sir,

I have received a letter from you this morning dated April 18<sup>th</sup>. I should be very sorry if you do not received the two boxes of birds that I sent from Nacosari. There were two cigar boxes done up in one pack. I saw the man I sent them up to Tombstone by at this place yesterday, and he said that he registered them and had the receipt at Nacosari. There was some very nice specimens in the pack and I think a new species of Tet in the lot. I have sent you two boxes of birds

from Oposura. and I hope  
that you will receive them  
all right. One of them, the last  
I sent contained a new or  
rare Oriole. that was not  
described in "Columbian". It  
may not be new but it is  
rare. The boxes also contained  
nice specimens of Sparrows -  
and Texas green Kingfisher.  
I registered both boxes - I don't  
like to send birds by mail in  
this country as it is so hard  
to get mail through. I know  
that I have mail sent to me  
that I never receive. Papers  
never get through in this state.

You write that you want  
me to go up into the pine-  
timbers on the high moun-  
tains. That is just what I have  
wanted to do, but as I wrote  
in several of my letters to you

I could not afford as I was  
behind on my expenses.

Sereno Benzer said that he  
got his woodpecker some 150 or  
more miles S. E. from here, but  
I believe that he got them nearer  
than that. There is a range of moun-  
tains and it is about 15 miles from  
here to the top. They are very  
heavily timbered with pine. I  
don't think that there are any of  
the woodpeckers there but I  
am going up to see. If I don't  
find any there, I shall go over  
to Nacori - and from there travel  
south. There are many high moun-  
tains that are not timbered at  
all.

I have had quite hard luck  
this last week. I was sick several  
day with a fever. Tuesday I  
started to go to Nacosuro to get  
some things. I had a fairly good

no, and I rode a horse that I  
hired. In Moore the man that  
I am stopping with put my  
saddle into the horse, but did  
not fasten it on securely,  
and as I was going up a hill  
the saddle turned over and the  
horse began to kick throwing  
me off into a cañon. The  
horse then ran taking  
with him the saddle, a nice  
blanket and my gun, scab-  
bard, also a fine bridle. The  
horse ran over into the moun-  
tains and then came back to  
Ofisura. When he got back he  
had nothing on him. A man  
that I got trailed him up  
where he had been, but  
found only the remains of  
the saddle. Some one had  
carried off the bridle, scabbard  
and my blanket. The most  
lucky thing was that my  
shot gun was thrown off at  
the first under the horse's feet  
and with the exception of a  
slight dent in the barrel  
came out all right. I got in  
several days collecting this  
week and took some fine

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specimens of Benson's and  
Gambell's Quail.

I think the best way  
to send me some money will  
be to send a letter of credit  
to me at Oposura at once  
and register the letter and  
I think that I would get  
it all right. I shall start  
this afternoon or tomorrow  
for Nacosan so as to get  
some shells and a tin to  
last me on the trip until I  
get home.

Very truly

John C. Cahoon

J. C. Cahoon.

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By Oponura,

BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB,

Opuscula Snowbire, Great May, 1877  
Mr. Wm Brewster  
Dear Sir,  
I send away from here you  
a box of birds none too or  
less. I am going to send  
them up to Arizona and have  
them shipped for express  
to you from there. I have  
as many more on the coast  
but cannot ship them  
until I get ready to start  
up for Arizona. The rest  
of the lot will show about  
what I have. The birds  
checked through in the box  
are those that I have shipped  
to you by mail. I think you



look out for the boy in about two week from this  
state.

I shall start for the mountain this next  
week.

I wrote you last week in receipt of your  
letter to send me letter of credit to Oposuma, registered  
ed.

It is very warm down at this place now and  
there is also considerable sickness about here.

I shall go east from here to one of the towns  
and get a man and pack mules there and  
go to the mountains from there.

It is hard work to get anything in these  
towns. It took me about all of yesterday afternoon  
to find a boy to pack the birds in, and I had to  
make ~~that~~ me I did get. all over Sumner is very  
high in this country so all of the boards have to be  
got out by hand. The price for a soap lot here  
is from 75¢ to 1.00

There are a great many quail about  
- here mostly Benson's, but they are all in the wheat  
fields and it is impossible to get at them.  
Inclosed you will find a description of

Chapman and the crew  
try about it.

Respectfully yours

J. C. Brown

J. C. Brown  
May 1-1877  
by license

J. C. Cahoon

May 14-87

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Letter of Opomus

Opomus, Sonora Mexico, May 14<sup>1887</sup>

Mr. William Brewster,

Just got back from Guadalupe  
fins which place I wrote to  
you last week. As you may not  
the letter would say, that I  
went over there to go from there  
to the fire temple to the west  
to account for great  
work, the check, which  
a little more, and had  
Indians did not down at  
safe to proceed. I should  
not have minded the  
Indians, but there was  
a man that I fear a  
fair to the west and  
to Opomus, so I decided  
to return to Opomus

transit to base & into the  
prime timber about 25 miles  
from here. There are no large  
pine timber there as my  
yesterday with the mountains, and  
I am in hopes to get the  
I. W. speaker this. In  
I have received from  
him & I mean to stay to-  
day that he got his I. W.  
1 mile to the N. Lacora  
on the line between Alameda  
& Chihuahua, and he  
has no doubt that I could  
get them in the pine  
land to pass a. My inten-  
tion was to have gone 25  
miles east of Lacora and  
if I did not find them  
there, trail south through  
a belt of pine.

It is my way from Canada  
back here. I left it 24

days on the top of a mountain  
could get some fine birds. It  
was at a spring hole where  
the birds came to drink. I  
got two kinds of birds that  
I had never seen before  
and I cannot find them  
elsewhere in my "Key" and  
I think quite a number of spe-  
cies. I wrote you a letter  
explaining it in the letter  
I sent last week. The other  
kind I can't class and  
I can't find any description  
in my "Key". It greatly re-  
sembles a chat, but is  
no larger than a warbler  
and has a long tail, feathers  
piled, like a painted  
puck. I do not care to  
send my birds by mail  
I have sent you three

lopes not heard from.

Tuesday I shall start  
for the pines and if I have  
good success shall stop  
there one month, it would  
be impossible to do much  
collecting about here  
as it is very hot, but in  
pines it is cooler. My  
number of birds collected  
up to this date is 903  
I write to you every week  
but most likely you do  
not get half of the letters.  
Please write as soon as  
you receive any of birds  
sent. I do not think it  
best to ship any more birds,  
but to wait and take  
them up to Wray with  
me.

Very truly yours,

John C. E. ...

J. C. Cahoon

May 27, 1887

BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

Pine Camp on Mountains May 27<sup>th</sup> 1887

Mr. William Brewster, -

Dear Sir,

I am encamped on the mountain  
in the pines about 7.5 miles  
from C. Joshua.

I have been up here about  
~~ten days~~

This mountain is very high  
and is covered with a thick  
growth of large pines, a few  
oak, and other deciduous trees.

I have had fair success  
having taken about 100 birds.

The most rare specimens I have  
thus far are Strickland's Wood  
pecker, Rufous Hummer  
and "finch-like," 239 taken at  
H. H. H. H. H., but larger -

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No J. Woodpecker seen as yet, although I am keeping a sharp lookout. Two birds that I shall get a regular fine series of, are Long crested Jay and Californian Woodpecker.

It is very hard getting a trout on this mountain and this morning I had quite a fall. I got off with a few slight bruises, but my poor gun got several deers - The last day on our way up the mountain we traveled three miles all day.

A few nights ago we had quite a lampst and had to get a wetting.

The birds are calling but I am in hopes to get quite a number. One bird that I have seen twice, I think, I think is a species new to N. A. Birds. It is about the size of a jay and blue on back, with the whole



I beat and belly as well  
as I could see is a blood  
red. Its note is a harsh cry  
and I followed one a long  
way this morning.

Plenty of deer up here  
and I have shot three so far  
One bear seen, but did  
not get a shot.

I shall send this letter  
down to Oposura in the  
morning by my man, who  
goes down after provisions  
and my mail.

I am trying to write  
by camp fire but with poor  
success.

Respectfully yours  
John Robinson

J. C. Cahoon

June 9: 1887

BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

"Pine Camp," Sierra Madra  
Mountains -

Sonora, Mexico June 9<sup>th</sup> 1887

Mr. Wm. Brewster, -

Dear Sir, -

I wrote you a letter from this  
locality two week ago, and sent  
it down to Oposura by my  
"man" to have it mailed.

When he returned with my two  
weeks mail, he brought me  
two letters from you, one dated  
May 8<sup>th</sup> and the other May 15<sup>th</sup>,  
also the letter of credit from  
Kidder, Teabody & Co. Glad  
to hear that you have received  
all the boxes that I have sent  
you by mail. The letter you  
wrote acknowledging the two  
boxes received together, I have  
never received. In my last

two or three letters that I have sent to you, I wrote about the cartegues and of my going over to Granada and returning to Oposura - also of the two new, or rare specimens I took on my way back.

I have now been up here nearly ~~three~~<sup>four</sup> weeks, and although I have not taken a great number of birds, I think I have taken some very rare specimens. One bird of which I have taken quite a number, is, I am quite certain, a new species. It is a large, stout Summer Finch - and is much larger than any described in my "Key". I have also taken some of the smaller kind, so that I can compare them, and I see a great difference. - A second, rare or new, bird is a small wren - which I have seen only in one locality up here. - Then

I have taken a small flycatcher somewhat like; the "little buff breasted;" but a little different. In my last letter I wrote you a description of a bird that I had caught two glimpses of. I described it as being about the size of a jay, color of back, blue, and under parts red. After following this "very shy" bird up and down the cañon, several days without catching a sight of it, I was fortunate to-day and got a long shot at it and killed it. I should say that it is, The Copper Tailed Trogon, although the measurements are larger than those given in the Key. It is a fine ♂ and very pretty.

The birds are very scattering up here and it is very hard, tiresome, work getting about on the mountains.

I did intend to stop me more

week camping about half way down the mountain, where I wanted to get some. Poor-wills.

This afternoon I felt a slight shock and some grumbling and below in Cipo Sura, they still have trembling.

Several times I have determined that I would get out of Mexico as fast as I could, for there is everything to be won in this state.

I have not seen or heard a Imperial Woodpecker, although I have given this mountain a good search. I did hope that I should get at least one or two. I have done the very best that I could. When my man came up last week he brought word that a band of Apaches were making raids on a town to the east of these mountains, and were coming into the pines where we were camped, and that I had better get out. but I made up my mind that I would stay until I saw signs of them.

About stepping down in Mexico, in more months than a year upon. I don't think that it would pay, as the

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rainy season commences about the 1<sup>st</sup> of July, and lasts through that month. It rains very hard, and continually and I could not do much collecting. I should not want to stop in the towns as the insects are very bad, and I could not stop in the mountains as I have no tent and can't get me down here.

With the exception of some mosquitoes it is quite nice up here but down below it is very warm.

In your next letter you had better address me at, Tombstone, Arizona.

Please acknowledge the receipt of letter of credit, to

6. Messrs Keane, Peabody & Co, as  
I have no writing paper left,  
here -

I think when I reach Oposu-  
ra I will send you one more  
box by mail and send one each  
of the few birds that I consider  
rare or new. I hope by this  
time that you have received  
the box of birds I sent up to  
Tombsville about the time  
of the earthquake. I shall  
send my man down to get  
my mail Saturday and  
as I shall have the mail  
of two weeks I expect to get  
a letter from you.

Up to this dated have  
collected 1160 birds.

Trusting that you will  
receive this letter and  
birds sent per express, I  
remain

Very truly yours  
John A. Curson

J. C. Cahoon 7.

June 10 - 1887

BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

Friday Evening June 10 - 1887

Mr Brewster, -

Dear Sir, -

I will write you a few more lines this evening, and send with my letter of last night, to Oposura in the morning.

To-day has been quite a fortunate one for me so far as numbers goes. I took three refulgent, one broad tailed, and two others that I think are new as I cannot find any description of them. One of them belongs to the Fulgent Family I am quite sure. Its length is 5.25. I am certain it is new as there is only one other described as large as it. Its



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throat is violet blue, and its  
under parts are dull gray.  
The other is small, about 4 in  
in length. back bright green,  
a white line from eyes down  
side of neck, and over that a  
broad black line; throat and  
breast, shows dots of shining  
emerald green.

This morning while out with  
my rifle after a deer, I found  
the nest of a black hawk,  
a buzzard, on the top of a tall  
pine. This afternoon went  
over to climb the tree, with  
ropes, etc, and could not  
bind the tree or nest.  
Searched until dark with-  
out success. As we, my man,  
and I were returning to camp  
heard an owl hoot, and  
finally I discovered him on  
the top of an old pine tree.  
Shot at him and broke his  
wing, but it was a long time  
before I found him it was so  
dark. Turned out to be a barred  
owl. Last night shot a night  
hawk that didn't seem to answer  
to the description of common, or  
Texas. The measurements are  
about the same as the com. variety,  
but color different. A spots of white  
on side, wings & feathers. I think that I  
shall stop up here one more week,  
Indians or not. Yours truly J. C. Cassin

A nest of four eggs, of Painted Fly, Wabow taken today

J. C. Caboon

June 20. 1887

Proserna Sonora Mexico June 20. 1887  
Mr Wm. Brewster,  
Dear Sir,

Came down from the mountain, Saturday night. Had to get out in account of Indians.

The Indians are on the war path in Arizona and Mexico again. 500 Indians have left the San Carlos Reservation in Arizona and some of them are in Mexico. They are Apiteros in a band of 17 - passed within 9 miles of our camp and passed by our camp Sunday morning a band of 18 - passed a single trail within 3 miles of our camp, but fortunately did not discover us.

Saturday afternoon three - M. Juan Lopez, came up into the mountain to inform us about the Indians. There has been several men killed and the people are much alarmed. It is expected from good authority that there

will soon be 400 Indians out, fully  
armed and ready for fighting  
I shall start for Vera Cruz just  
as soon as I can engage transportation  
and shall travel nights on account  
of Indians and hot weather. It is  
hard work to get any animals  
or man to go, as the people down  
here are very much alarmed.

No mail received from you this  
week. Last week - two letters, one  
May 22 and one May 30<sup>th</sup>. It seems  
that you did not get my letter of  
May 7<sup>th</sup> dated La Orotava, with full  
account of the Earthquake, which  
took place May 3<sup>rd</sup>, I also sent a letter  
home and one to the paper, published  
where I live, but not one of  
three was received. It is very discour-  
aging to write letters that are never re-  
ceived.

I have just learned of the  
fate of the boxes of books that I sent  
to Tomstone, to be sent per-  
express to Cambridge. The Custom  
House Collector, took them from  
the man I sent them up by, saying

that there was a duty of 50 percent on  
stuffed birds. I do not think that  
there is any duty, and I shall find  
out, and if there is not, I shall go  
for them as usual. The collector  
was informed that I was collecting  
for the Smithsonian, and said  
that he would hold them until  
I came up. There was quite an ar-  
ticle in the Tombstone paper, and  
they thought that he had not  
any right to take the birds.

I expect to get to Tombstone  
in about 15 days, should like to very  
much before the rainy season com-  
mences, as it is very bad traveling.

It is very, very hot down in  
this part of Mexico, in fact I  
can hardly write, the heat is so  
intense. Earthquakes & wars still  
continue.

Respectfully yours,  
John R. Calver

J. C. Cahoon

July 4. 1887

BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

Tomstone, Arizona. July 4<sup>th</sup> 1887  
Mr Wm Brewster,  
Dear Sir,

I arrived at this place yesterday.  
Had a very hard trip up from  
Mexico. I hired pack ani-  
mals at Apasmas, and a  
man. When I got to Nacosari  
~~the~~ mexican that I had  
with me, got to drinking  
and wanted more pay, and  
I found out that he was  
a very bad fellow, and  
might sell me on the way  
up if he got a chance.  
So I sent him back. I  
then engaged a man at  
Nacosari, and got all  
ready to start when I

was taken sick and did not get started for several days. On the way up we had some very hard rain storms but I succeeded in keeping my birds dry. The hardest part of the trip was that I could not buy a pound of flour and all we could get was a little meat and some beans.

To-day I ship you two boxes of birds per express. One of them is the lot that was at the Custom house. I packed up birds that could go in the traps of my trunk so as to save expressage as the rates are quite high from here. These birds that I send have been carried

up and down the mountains  
and have been repacked  
several times and I am  
afraid that they are a  
little out of shape. I ex-  
pected a letter from you  
at Tombstone but did  
not receive any.

There is quite a differ-  
ence in the price of tickets  
from Boston to Fairbanks,  
and from Fairbanks to Boston.  
It cost me \$3.75 out here  
and the tickets back  
are \$3.20.

Will you please  
send me a check for  
\$25.00 to New York City,  
and please register it.  
I trust that the buds will  
be received in good con-  
dition

I send you <sup>with</sup> my  
mail -

Respectfully yours  
John D. Cahoon

J. C. Cahoon  
Jan. 2 - 1888

BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

Taunton, Mass., Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1888.

Mr. Wm. Brewster,

Dear Sir,

I have been thinking the matter over about going to Mexico, since I was at your house, and have decided that I will go if you wish, and we can agree as to wages, etc.

I should want 75.00 per month and expenses, and would like to start within a month. I should rather go out there for you than any one that I know of, and should try and make a more successful trip than that of last year. If you think that you would like



to have me go out there on  
to Florida. Please let me  
hear from you so, that I  
may meet at some early  
date to talk over the  
matter.

By this mail I send  
you the map that I spoke  
about, as you may wish  
to look it over. So far of  
the country that I have  
traveled over, I have found  
it very reliable, and it  
is I think, the only map  
that is any where near  
right that has been  
published so far.

As you will see, I have  
marked out the route that  
I traveled from Ft Huachuca  
to the "Old Ventura Ranch";  
by here Lieut Benson and  
I got our quails. You will

see that I have printed in ink  
"Antonia Ranch" on the map, and  
we did not go below that point  
in our first trip, but in tracing  
our route, by mistake, I contin-  
ued the red line down onto  
the Macosme trail. On the  
second trip you will see that  
I went from the Fort to Fair-  
bank, by the rail road, from  
there down the San Pedro Valley  
to Macosme and Coposma.  
From Coposma, crossed the  
lower part of Mt Coposma  
to Granada. I have marked  
a red (X) in the places that  
I collected and you can  
see about where I collected  
by the mountains near Coposma.  
I am certain the trails on  
the map are reliable, with  
the exception of (perhaps) the  
south eastern portion.

think that I could point to  
the very point on this map  
where Genl Benson found  
his wood peckers in Mexico

I enclose in this letter  
a small slip that I cut  
from a recent paper, and  
from this it would seem,  
that there are some ~~Apaches~~  
Apaches left - Trusting  
to hear from you soon  
I remain

Very truly yours  
John D. Balboa

#### MURDEROUS APACHES.

##### A Number of Travellers Waylaid and Shot Near Bavispe.

NOGALES, Ari., Dec. 31, 1887. News has  
been received stating that a small band of  
Apaches are roaming in the mountains in the  
Montezuma district, killing and stealing. A  
number of travellers have been waylaid and  
shot on roads entering Bavispe. A few days  
ago Clements S. Lopez was killed at Los  
Nogales ranch, just across the line in the  
United States. A troop of federal soldiers  
started on the trail, but failed to find the  
Indian camp.

BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

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Taunton, Mass., Jan 8<sup>th</sup>, 1887.

Mr Wm Brewster,

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> received and enclosed please find and itemized account of what I consider it would cost for a 6 months trip into Sonora, Mexico.

The outfit could be sold for three fourths of what it would cost, when the trip was ended. I should be willing to pay for one half of the outfit, providing when the trip was ended ~~the~~ would belong to me, to dispose of as I liked. —  
I should think it would

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pay to spend several months  
 about the ranches near Macosari  
 for quail and other birds, that  
 would be found there in the  
 winter - There are several nice  
 canyons that it would pay  
 to collect in on the way  
~~from~~ down to Macosari, in  
 fact ~~the~~ I think the prettiest  
 canyon that I saw in Mexico  
 was passed while traveling  
 down to Macosari. It was  
 in that canyon I shot the  
 1st Horned Owl and saw  
 quite a number of hawks -  
 I can't say just what it  
 would cost for a good man,  
 but I think I could find one  
 at the price I have given -

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I don't know whether I should have to furnish him with an animal to ride or not; if it was a Mexican I should say not, as they can trace out any animal while on foot—

for a six months trip to Florida I should say the expenses and outfit would cost about \$500— the 10/ course including pay for man.

Trusting to hear from you as soon as you decide, I remain,

Very truly yours,  
J. C. Cushman

P.S. I have no use for the map at present so you may keep it as long as you like.  
J. C. C.

J. C. Cahoon

Jan. 8 - 1888

In re trip to Mexico  
expenses, salary etc

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Fair to Fairbanks and Return	# 150	—
Outfit for preserving Birds, <del>stitch</del> including tags Note book etc	15	—
Outfit consisting of Shells, ammunition, tion, etc.	50.	—
Camping utensils including about	35.	—
Three pack mules and a pair of at 50— each	150.	—
One animal and saddle for riding	65.	—
Two leather sack for provisions	5	—
Cost of outfit	<u>\$320</u>	—

Cost of two men living 6 mo at 3.50. each per week	182	—
Cost of <sup>prayer</sup> a man for 5½ months at 30— per month	165	—

Whole  
of expenses  
to clerks  
outfit for  
Nov. 20  
\$17-



BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

Taunton Mass Jan 9<sup>th</sup> 1888-

My Wm Brewster,

Dear Sir:

While on my trip in Mexico  
last-winter, I collected and  
prepared two specimens  
of mammals, a gray fox  
and a gray squirrel.

Dr C. Hart Merriam has  
very kindly consented to  
identify specimens of  
mine at any time,  
and I had intended to  
send him the above  
specimens for identifica-  
tion. To-day for the first  
time, I had a faint re-  
membrance that mam-  
mals was mentioned in

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On agreement, and upon  
looking at the agreement,  
found that all mammals  
collected by myself should  
be the sole property of  
yourself - therefore the  
two specimens belong to  
you - If you desire them  
I will at once forward  
them to you, if not I will  
send them to Dr. Merriam  
for identification, stating  
that through your kindness  
I am allowed permission  
to present him with the  
two specimens as he may  
wish to compare them  
with other of the same  
species. The paper, I think

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It is common southern gray  
fox, but the squirrel may  
prove rare, as it was  
taken on the high moun-  
tains. Please reply soon.  
Very truly yours  
John R. R. Jones

P.S. Mr. Richardson was  
at my house this forenoon  
and he intends to start  
for Mexico, Wednesday.  
He intends to collect  
along the coast and near  
the City of Mexico.

J. C. Cahoon

July 7, 1888

Mammals to Merriam

Monomoy Island, 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1888.

Mr Wm Brewster,

Dear Sir:

Will you please send me the names of the parties that have the right to give permits for collecting birds for scientific purposes. I wish to collect some birds this spring strictly for study and wish to get a permit but have forgotten the names of the persons that have this power to grant them.

Birds are behind time this spring on account of the cold weather. There have been very abundant but were all old birds and would not come in. The first appearance of shore birds is a Black bellied Plover that came to day. Piping Plover were on the Island when I arrived. There are quite a number of Bonaparte's Gull out in the bay and three that I shot are in the breeding plumage. There are some Gannets about but they are very shy. Found two Pectoral Sandpiper on the meadow and I think that they must have wintered here as I left seen the last of the last Nov. and these two were seen the last of the last Nov. I am

J. P. Colson  
Apr. 22. 1887

Mowmoy Island, July 21<sup>st</sup> 1885.

Mr. Wm Brewster,

Dear Sir,

I have two skins ♂ & ♀ of Still Sand-  
piper that I made up to day. The ♀ is  
first class in breeding plumage I should  
judge, and the ♂ has legs quite badly  
shattered. Do you want the pair  
for 2.25? I thought you might  
want them for your mounted collection.  
If you wish to see them before  
purchasing, I will send them to  
you, and if you do not wish them  
you can leave them at Mr Webster's.

Very truly yours  
John A. Moore.

J. C. Cahoon  
July 21, 1887



Winston, Fla. Dec 22/15  
Mr. William Brewster -

Dear Sir,

I send you the bird to you  
by mail. I found the outer  
web of the outer tail feathers  
all white so I think it must be  
a Forster's (S. forsteri). I enclose  
tag for same, and think the  
bird worth 100. It was a  
very fine one and I was obliged  
to make it over. I have been  
figuring up for a 4 mo trip  
along the Florida Keys and  
I can't make it less than  
\$1000. That is charging 50.00  
per mo for my wages, fare to  
Key West and return, boat, man  
hire (cheap man) food and outfit  
for a 6 months trip. It might be  
made for 1000.00 per mo. I will  
go to Alaska for 60,000 klms. and  
not pay expenses.

Very truly yours  
John G. Cooper.

J. P. C. K. L. L. L.  
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W. W. Brewster, Dec. 20th, 1855.

Mr. Wm. Brewster:-

Dear Sir,

I have made a visit to the  
St. Lawrence River, and  
after a week's stay will go  
to the head of the lake as  
soon as possible. If you  
could not attend, I  
will make a private  
trip, and if I don't get any  
birds, will return  
for the expense of the  
trip - Will not do you any profit?

Very truly yours,  
John W. Brewster.

J. C. Cahoon

Dec. 28. 1888

Princeton, N. J., July 1877

Wm. Brewster,

Ireland:

Your letter was received  
and I am very glad to hear  
from you. I am well and  
hope this letter finds you  
the same. I have not much  
news to write at present  
but I will send you a  
few lines from time to  
time. I am very  
sincerely yours,  
C. A. M.

I have been very busy  
lately but I will  
write you again soon.  
I am well and hope  
this finds you the same.  
I will write you again  
soon. I am well and hope  
this finds you the same.  
I will write you again soon.  
I am well and hope this  
finds you the same. I will  
write you again soon.

J. G. Jackson  
June 27, 1889

I intend to stop here until cold  
 weather sets in. I shall  
 like to visit you to collect  
 the same after the first of August  
 I shall work for myself &  
 will write you to Mr. Balchman  
 and as soon as I have from  
 him will let you know will  
 let you know whether I shall  
 have time to collect for you  
 The season is not so far  
 past that we shall have  
 a number of weeks. I think  
 I could get a chance to go  
 to one of the mountains  
 to the west coast. And I do not  
 know whether there are any  
 persons going from that  
 place to the mountains  
 and Placenta. If I went from  
 the west coast I would  
 be spending going to the  
 place which is not far  
 on the western I am well  
 all with a love as always  
 to all yours and I am sure

would give me a chance on his  
 part of happening to be going  
 but when I wished to go. I  
 should want 2.50 per day and expenses  
 I don't think the expense would  
 be high as they tell from the  
 Newfoundlands seamen.

Please to enclose the pay  
 in Duck bank in an envelope  
 and send to my address at  
 St. George's Bay.

I am having fair success out  
 there but the weather is very  
 bad. There has been few days  
 that it has not rained a part  
 of the day, since I arrived  
 at Newfoundland. It is not  
 pleasant camping out in a  
 tent in rainy weather. The  
 fishermen say this is the main  
 reason that they have given up  
 for a long time.

Very truly yours  
 J. C. Wilson

Hope this will be, Sunday Feb 10  
 St. George Bay Nfld.



Bay of Islands, N. F. Aug 17<sup>th</sup> 1859

Mr. Wm Brewster:

Dear Sir,

Your favor of July  
22<sup>nd</sup> is received to-day. I was  
expecting to start for home  
Tuesday as I had heard  
nothing from you. I will  
take the next steamer,  
which will leave on Thursday  
next, per Placentia or

St Johns and get started  
as soon as possible from  
there for the banks. I shall  
telegraph to you Monday  
even 75<sup>00</sup> as I am quite  
short of money at present  
and it is no use to depend  
upon mails to bring letters

whenever I am <sup>2</sup> in a Camp. I  
think I may get started about  
the first of Sept, but can't  
say for certain. I shall have a  
chance to make two trips  
to sea. Sept is usually a  
windy month, however, I will  
do the best that I can. I got out  
one day a few miles from  
Casslet, a small fishing  
town on the South coast  
and if the fog had continued  
I could have got a large  
number of Succinators, Jappies,  
etc. I collected a few  
specimens for Mr. Batchelder.  
If you are in very near  
the shore in a fog, I think  
you had better write me  
a letter just as soon as you  
can write, and I may get  
it before I get out. I expect  
to St. Johns, Spencer that  
address to be forwarded to

Placentia, 3

Since I came out to this coast we have had very fine weather. Most of the birds are now in poor plumage on account of moult, and the most of them are young birds. My best collecting ground was at Cape St Mary's, where a large number of sea birds breed. It would have been better to stay there, but I expected that this was the last coast. When out at Cape St Mary's I climbed to the top of "Devil Island" a nearly perpendicular rock 300 feet high. The fishermen say no one has ever before climbed to the top and that two men have been killed in the attempt. The German and Murre were nearly extinct.

off of the Island and I was  
obliged to fight my way  
with a club. I could not  
get down from the top and  
was obliged to be taken  
off to the mainland by  
means of a block and  
ropes. The fishermen  
look upon me as a wonderful  
man out that way and  
will do anything for me  
in the way of helping me  
to get birds -

Do you still think  
of going to Florida this  
next winter?

I know that this has  
been an exceptional year  
season as I spent some  
the log boat at the Cape  
St. Mary's light-house.  
and I could not find, as  
far back as I looked, a  
season with as much

rain as this last, I have had  
 considerable experience  
 with the Newfoundland  
 fishermen and find  
 they are not so depend-  
 on. Not only are they lazy  
 but they are dirty and  
 poor sailors.

Very truly yours  
 John C. Robinson

J. G. G. G.

Aug. 17, 1881.

Placentia, N. F. Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> 1889

Mr. Wm Brewster: -

Dear Sir, -

I leave here tomorrow for the Banks and shall probably be gone about four weeks. Fish are quite scarce so they are making long trips. The schooner I go in is a large fine American built and the best that sails from Newfoundland. The Captain tells me that birds have been unusually scarce this summer owing to the scarcity of fish. They are however, likely to be more plentiful in Sept. The 100,000 come to hand all right. It is deposited in my bank and I shall be glad to see you when you come.

I was fortunate enough to have a plenty of <sup>load</sup> ~~load~~ <sup>dry</sup> ~~dry~~ wadges cotton, etc on hand, I brought out 1500 loaded shells and after collecting about 600 more.

have 1000 left - Into a number  
of my birds were shot with  
my 32 cal. bl. When you write  
Address to Placenta N. F. Co  
San Antonio. I will keep a  
sharp look out for the  
Great Spua. and other  
rare birds. Hope we may  
have some moderate  
weather so that I can do  
some good collecting. I  
expect we shall <sup>have</sup> some  
good flows in Sept. I may  
get a chance to send a  
letter to you from the Bay  
by some American  
Scholar. If I can, will  
write and let you know  
how I am doing

Very truly yours  
John C. Brown.



J. C. Cahoon

Aug. 30-1889

Placentia, N. Y., Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 1889  
Wm. Brewster Esq.

Dear Sir,

I arrived here two days ago from the banks. I found a letter from you dated Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> in which you say you will probably be away from Cambridge until Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> - I write this letter to you which will not reach Cambridge much before Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> so that you may know how I have succeeded on my trip - I have 103 birds or about that number, and I think about fourteen different species -

I took a Shearwater, in size about that of the Greater, which if not affected with albinism, must be new. The color is very light eyes dark, feet more of a pinkish tint than the Greater. I did not measure the bill but should judge it to be a little shorter than the Greater - I collected a good series of Jaegers in different plumages - Petrels, Murre and Wilsons, Shearwaters, Greater and Sooty, the latter which

J. C. Calhoun

Sept. 30 - 1859

was scarce, <sup>2</sup> a few gulls and  
terns, and three fulmars, the  
only ones I saw and I was  
fortunate to get them all. I  
saw but one skua, and the  
reason that I did not see more  
was I think, because it was  
too early. The fishermen who  
know this bed by the name of  
"Marblehead" say that they  
do not see them before the  
middle or last of Oct and I  
do not think they are plentiful  
at any time. I should have  
got some if there were any  
about. The first three weeks was  
pleasant weather, so that I could  
get out in a day or part of nearly  
every day, with the exception of  
three or four days, that was lost  
in a country calm weather  
getting to the fishing grounds.  
The last week it blowed  
very fresh nearly every day -  
so that there was only one day  
the day we started back, that  
I could go out. You will see  
by my note books about the  
weather etc.

<sup>the</sup>  
of Common bird? I have great  
care in making up the skins.  
The birds were very fat - and were  
usually soaked before getting  
them on board, so that it required  
considerable time in washing  
and cleaning them. Fearing  
that if opened on the belly the  
feathers might get stained by  
the fat I opened all of them  
with the exception of the Petrels  
under the wing. I also made  
hard boards and wired them  
so their necks would not  
get twisted. I think that you  
will find them a great improvement  
on my other skins. I made the  
bodies rather large in the  
first ones, but the most of them  
are good. I made a large water  
tight chest before I started and  
I was glad that I did, for every  
inch of the schooner was in  
use for fish and only for my  
but I could not have kept  
them dry. I shall keep the birds  
and bring them home when I come  
I had plenty of cash to ~~buy~~ carry  
me through.

Shall not - probably reach Boston  
until November. My address  
will be Placentias.

Very truly yours  
John Calhoun

94 Beacon St

New York, N.Y., Feb. 10. <sup>th</sup> 1890

Mr Wm. Brewster:

Dear Sir -

I have a lot of Florida bird skins that I have purchased. Among the lot are a few *Myiagla* kites and four Ivory-billed Woodpecker. The latter I have just made over. Three of them a ♂, and two ♀s are pretty good birds, the fourth is a ♀ in worn plumage. They have full data, locality, date and sex. They are certainly very rare in the South and I thought you might like them for your collection. If you will take the four, I will sell for 25.<sup>00</sup>. Three of them I value at 7.<sup>00</sup> each and the fourth at 4.<sup>00</sup>. I am making up several kites which are probably *Myiagla* <sup>species</sup> but they do not correspond exactly to Ridgway's description. They were taken on the west coast of Florida.

I have a man in Florida that will collect for me a good series of Burrowing owls, eggs, and young. Would you like to take

The price will be reasonable.

I got as far as Galveston on my Brownsville trip. I was sick when I started, and when I got to Galveston I was so miserable that I returned home. I shall work here at Tapiderry until April 1<sup>st</sup> and then I shall go away on a collecting trip. If you wish I will send the woodpeckers for your approval.

Very respectfully yours  
John A. DeWitt

July. 10. 1890

John A. DeWitt



97 Beane St.

New York, N.Y., Feb 17<sup>th</sup> 1890

Mr. Wm. Brewster  
Dear Sir

I send you the four woodpeckers  
by express to-day. I also send in  
two of a Florida Marsh Hawk and  
a Florida Red-sh. Hawk. They were  
made up by the party that is going  
to get the series of Florida Burrowing  
Owls. He makes up a very good skin  
I will let you know when they  
come in and I am certain  
they will suit in quality and price.  
I am always willing to send  
skins for inspection. If the  
woodpeckers do not suit you may  
return them at my expense. If you  
wish the hawks they are worth Marsh  
Red-sh. .75

Very respectfully yours  
J. A. Allen

P.S. Did the shearwater turn out to  
be an albino?

John C. Leavens.

Feb. 17. 1890

New York N.Y. Feb 20<sup>th</sup> 1890

Mr. Wm. Brewster:

Dear Sir,

Your favor with check enclosed is received, and I thank you for same. I will look out for your interest in nice skins from Florida. There are some good rare birds yet in Florida and I think I know about where they are. Where they are ~~through~~ is a hard place to live. One must fight mosquitoes, go without food and water, and spend half of his time wading through water. I have at present two everglade kites (very poor) and I am informed that where they come from, they are common. I have a bird that I am sure is new to the N.A. fauna. It is the Plumbeous Kite and was shot on the south western coast of Florida. When you are back from Florida please let me know, and if I am not away I will send a list of what I have. If I am away will do so when I return. I am ~~thinking~~ strongly of a second trip to Newfound Land

this spring. Hoping that you will  
have a pleasant trip I remain

John C. Cahoon  
July 20. 1890.

Respectfully yours  
John Cahoon.

# BRISTOL BRANTING CLUB,

MONOMOY ISLAND, MASS.

P.O. Address, Harwichport, Mass.

Tampon Mass April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1890  
Mr Wm. Brewster:  
Dear Sir:

I have a small lot of Florida  
Bird Skins that I am desirous of  
disposing of. They are a lot that I  
have made over this last winter and  
repoisoned and are nearly all very  
good skins. I enclose a list with  
prices and discounts to include  
the lot, and if you wish will  
send them on for your inspection.

If you wish to see the Plumbeous  
Gull I would be pleased to send  
it to you. Please let me hear  
from you soon as I am getting  
ready and shall leave soon for  
Newfoundland.

Very truly yours  
J. C. Cahoon

John C. Cahoon.

April 23. 1890.

John C. Coakron

April 26. 1890.

Taunton Mass April 26<sup>th</sup> 1890

Mr Wm. Brewster

Dear Sir

Yours of the 24<sup>th</sup> received. I will send the kits to you either to-day or Monday.

Sorry that you do not want the lot of birds as I think them a nice lot. I understand what you mean about the data and I am very careful in regards to same. I am certain that the data on these skins are authentic so far as they go. which in most gives date, locality, and sex. The ~~two~~ several that had no sex are in such deplorable plumage that I thought they would be good for study. However I think I can send them to Germany

What is the adult plumage of the Everglade kite. One so very

dark, nearly black on the breast  
much darker than the other  
two and I thought it might  
be an adult. Thanking you  
for promptness in answering my  
letter I remain

Very truly yours  
John Calhoun



BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

Grosbeak  
Sp. - Mexico

This town about which I have collected is situated on the table lands between two mountain ranges.

The mountains which are on the east and west are about 10 miles from the town. The mountain on the east is covered with pine timber, on the west with a thick growth of mesquite bushes and cactus plant.

A small river runs down from a cañon, northwest of the town, and past the western edge of the town.

At the town the water is taken, from the river in brook that water the

Cultivated land adjoining  
I have collected a few  
miles up the river in the  
cañon and in the thickets  
along the brooks.

The trees about the water  
are mezquite, cottonwood,  
willow, and in several places  
orange and fig.

The sides of the hills  
and cañon and the land on  
the east side of the town  
is covered with mezquite  
bushes and several kinds  
of cactus.

The elevation of Oposura  
is about 1750 ft.  
Lat  $29^{\circ} 40'$  long.

John C. Cahoon

John C. Cahoon  
Oposura