

# New York Zoological Park

UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE

## NEW YORK ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY,

185th St. & Southern Boulevard

WILLIAM T. HORNADAY, SC. D.,  
DIRECTOR

New York, February 20th, '12. 191

Mr. William Brewster, President,  
Massachusetts State Audubon Society,  
No. 145 Brattle Street,  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Mr. Brewster:-

Thank you very much for your letter of February 18th. For several years past, I have been studying the "bag-limit", the sale of game, and the automatic guns, and have taken a great deal of testimony on these subjects.

We really must not shut our eyes to the disagreeable fact that it is utterly impossible for any state, with the game wardens that are now in the field, to enforce bag-limit laws on birds. To rigidly enforce a bag-limit law, a game warden would have to inspect every bag of birds killed every day in the territory that he covers. There are three game wardens on Long Island. You are quite well acquainted with conditions on Long Island, and I leave you to judge how far they could go in inspecting the bags of birds that are made on that island every day in the shooting season.

I am just in receipt of a letter from a Virginia man who is familiar with duck-shooting along the Virginia coast and along Carrituck Sound; and he solemnly assures me that "the automatic and "pump" guns are more destructive to wild fowl than all other guns added together."

I think the time has come that every friend of wild life must take his position, either for the automatic guns, or against them. The neutral ground has disappeared! Many sportsmen whom I know, who once bought and used the machine guns, have discarded them forever, because they have recognized their deadliness and unfairness.

We have got to stop all the leaks that are draining away our wild life, or else accept a gameless continent. The campaign against the slaughter guns needs the support of your Association. "Wild Life Call No. 3" shows you Mr. Dutcher's estimate of those weapons. The only defense that the gun-makers offer for their automatic and "pump" guns is abuse of G. O. Shields! The guns are absolutely indefensible; but their makers <sup>do</sup> appeal for immunity and say:- "Shorten the open season, reduce the bag-limit, and enforce the laws!". It is as much their duty to do these things as ours; but the bag-limit law simply can not be enforced on birds!

In all probability, the next meeting of the Audubon Society will be too late for a consideration of the question of sending my "Wild Life Call" to the members of the Association, or not.

Yours very truly,

*W. T. Hornaday*

*P.S. The sentiment in Mass. against the machine guns is rapidly growing strong. It never will diminish! The machine guns must "go".*

Returned by P. O.; re-  
mailed to 145 Brattle St.,  
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*New York, 21st April, 1913. 190*

Mr. William Brewster,  
Concord, N. H.

Dear Mr. Brewster:-

Please excuse me for my delay in answering your letter of the 11th of April, and accept my thanks for your kindness in sending me the letters of the Massachusetts Congressmen, which I am very glad to have. I had already sent to Miss Kimball - at her request - 400 copies of our circular with a letter saying that she could have as many more as she wanted.

You may be sure that we value most highly your interest in this cause. There seems to be some probability now that we may be able to reach an understanding with the milliners which will result in their withdrawing their opposition to the bill. At their request we - that is, Mr. Pearson and I - had a conference with them last Friday, and talked to them pretty plainly on the subject, the upshot being that we are to present to them a list of the birds whose plumage may be used for millinery purposes. But even if an understanding of this kind is reached, I do not think that we ought to relax our efforts to impress upon Congress the fact that there is a very strong public opinion back of this movement, for there is, of course, the possibility that opposition may appear from some unexpected quarter at the eleventh hour.

Please consider the conference matter confidential for the present.

Yours very truly,  
*W. T. Hornaday* *per 114.*

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New York, ..... July 11th, 1913. .... 191

William Brewster, Esq.,

Care of Mr. D. C. French,

Glendale, Berkshire County,

Massachusetts.

My dear Mr. Brewster:-

I am very glad that you are willing to do down as one of the signers of our address. There will be about twenty others associated with you, - each of whom stands for some particular influence.

The situation in the Senate is very bad, but not hopeless. I think the tide will very soon begin to turn in our favor; but we have got to fight, ceaselessly and furiously, up to the last minute.

There is a surmise that Senator Lodge may be a member of the Senate Conference Committee. Heaven send that this proves true; for if it does, we can be sure of one good friend in that very important body. It may be that our victory will be won in the Conference.

Faithfully yours,



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Wm Brewster,

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Strong fight now being made in Iowa legislature to give remnant of Iowa prarie chickens and quail five year close seasons to prevent extermination. State game warden Hinshaw is fighting both bills because ~~XXXXX~~ you are on advisory board of American game protecting and propagating association you were named by Akens in DesMoines register in March eleventh as backing Hinshaw in his fight if this is not your position please telegraph editor Des-Moines register immediately strongly stating your position and urging passage of both bills I think Hinshaw is a judas Iscariot.

W. T. Hornaday.

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NEW YORK,.....November 8,.....191 6

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Mr. William Brewster,  
145 Brattle Street,  
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Brewster:-

I believe you were the original discoverer of the heath hen as an independent species. This fact prompts me to appeal to you for help in getting up a good wash drawing of that species, for campaign purposes. I have looked through my bird books in vain for materials from which an artist unacquainted with the species can turn out a satisfactory picture. In fact, the only picture that I did find is in Mr. Forbush's book, "Game Birds, Wild Fowl and Shore Birds"; but I would like something better, if anything is available.

Can you help me to any photographs or pictures of any kind, as a loan, which I could place in the hands of my artist, Mr. Edmund J. Sawyer, from which he could make a good drawing? I wish to reproduce the drawing for a campaign document that I intend to bring out just as soon as a heath hen picture can be made and engraved.

I need scarcely assure you that I will greatly appreciate any help that it is in your power to give me at this juncture.

Yours very truly,

*W. T. Hornaday*



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Dear Mr. Brewster:-

I am extremely grateful to you for your prompt and effective help in  
providing materials for setting forth the heath hen as an object lesson and warning.  
I imagine that the photographs will be so good that I will <sup>not</sup> need to take time just  
now to make a drawing because I begin to be pressed for time. Later on, however, I  
shall have a good drawing made.

The rapidity of your action in the photographing is delightful, and the  
price is entirely satisfactory. I enclose a check for the \$15. I will be indeed  
very glad to have a picture of the female bird.

Yours in great haste, but with sincere appreciation of  
your kindness.

*W. T. Hornaday*

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Mr. William Brewster,  
145 Brattle Street,  
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Brewster:-

The photographs have just arrived; and as you already know, they are very fine. As sure as the world stands, they will render useful service in the saving of the grouse of the West. A year ago I began to hold up the heath hen to the people of the West as a fearsome example; and already I have shown lantern slides of the bird (made by Dr. Field), in twelve western states. This splendid picture of your beautiful pair of birds I will use as the frontispiece of my forthcoming sage grouse Bulletin. As far as my influence can go, these birds shall be credited to your collection.

I am very greatly indebted to you for your timely, prompt and splendidly efficient help in a matter that so me seems of importance. If my Bulletin does not shake up the western legislatures to a realizing sense of their unfitness in their previous treatment of their grouse of various species, then it will be no fault of mine.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "W. T. Hornaday".

P. S. Since writing the above I have received your letter, and I surely will enclose copies of the three photographs. Please do not think that I have any exclusive ownership in these pictures apart from you! They are as much yours as mine,- in fact, much more so!

I will be very glad to have the data relative to these birds from their labels, for it is reasonably certain that your two birds will go down in history.

W.T.H.

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Mr. William Brewster,  
145 Brattle Street,  
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Brewster:-

Is it true that the heath hen was saved from extinction through the efforts of William Brewster, Dr. George W. Field (formerly State Game Commissioner of Massachusetts), and John E. Thayer? I have so stated in my manuscript; but if I am in any way wrong, there is yet time for a correction.

Of course I realize that a number of other persons were helpful in the matter, but it is impossible to mention more than three in the very brief space at my disposal for this subject.

I am sorry that there does not seem to be in print a good and thoroughly complete historical statement regarding this matter. Mr. Forbush should have included in his last book a page about the saving of the heath hen on Martha's Vineyard; but while he mentions the fact, I believe he makes no mention of the men who are entitled to the credit. Perhaps he did not feel at liberty to mention names.

Faithfully yours,

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145 Brattle Street,  
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Dear Mr. Brewster:

A great fight is now being made in Iowa for the enactment of a five-year close season law by the legislature now in session, to save the quail and pinnated grouse from the extermination that threatens them, and incidentally to save quail and grouse shooting from becoming totally extinct in that state. The quail bill has already passed the lower house on a basis of 61 to 32, but a hard fight against both measures will be made in the Senate by State Game Warden Hinshaw and a ceterie of confirmed bird-killing "sportsmen."

The Permanent Wild Life Protection Fund is aiding the effort to save the quail and prairie chickens. The prairie chickens exist only as a rare remnant in the northern part of the state.

In a letter published in the Des Moines REGISTER of March 11, signed by Dr. L. F. Akers, sustaining and praising Hinshaw, you were named as "back of him." This is on account of the fact that you are a member of the Advisory Board of the American Game Protective and Propagation Association, coupled with the fact that the February issue of the "Bulletin" of that organization comes out strongly against close seasons for long periods for ruffed grouse, quail and other birds. The Bulletin says that "the efforts of the persons who are endeavoring to secure close seasons for upland game birds should be vigorously combated." This statement was written and published by Mr. Quarles, Second Vice-President of the Association, and it stands unchallenged to this day. I have recently written to Mr. Burnham, protesting against it.

The telegram that I sent you last night was designed to give you an opportunity to express yourself to the editor of the Des Moines REGISTER in case you do not approve the use of your name that was made by Mr. Akers. It is my firm conviction that none of the members of the Advisory Board of the American Game Protective Association will deliberately endorse the position taken by Mr. Quarles in the February Bulletin.

It may interest you to know that State Game Warden Hinshaw is exercised about these measures because he is afraid that if they are passed, the revenue

William Brewster page 2

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from hunting licenses will be diminished, ~~and his department~~, and the five Hinshaws who are working (?) ~~in it~~, will lose their jobs. All this I gather from Iowa newspapers. *under him*

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Dear Mr. Brewster:

I think that the quails and prairie chickens of Iowa are indebted to you for your prompt action in their behalf. As stated in my letter of yesterday, I think Mr. Akers grossly misused the names of the members of the Advisory Board of Mr. Burnham's association. Mr. Burnham readily admits that such use was improper, and I am in a position to know that the impression created was wrong, and unjust to the Advisory Board.

I think that the telegrams that are going forward from the persons concerned who are within reach will undo the mischief.

I have just learned that the quail and chicken bills have both passed the lower house of the Iowa legislature, but a hard fight is going to come in the Senate.

Faithfully yours,

W. T. Hornaday Jr.