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Prof S J Baird

Dear Sir

your two Letters is before me. I went to Brady's Gallery - Mr Amosson Requested me to say to you that I he had Recd your Letter some days before - but had not been able up to this time to fill your order owing to the fact that the negative plate of Capt Biddle being mislaid - but that he has found it now and will have Cords Ready in a few days and forward them to you. I will just now attempt to send the Box of S. for our city is in great Excitement over the news that Rebel has crossed in to Maryland with large numbers and that are marching on the Relay (and Annapolis Junctions if this be true it is dangerous to attempt to send any thing by Rail. however so many Troops is passing over the R.R. that the Express cars are detained here. I have set about selecting a good place for it and should I find it necessary to hide it I will Inform you where it is. Excuse this Letter I write in haste for fear that the

mails may be stopped.

Yours Very Respectfully
J. A. Brown, Junr