

Smithsonian Institution,

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Prof Baird

Dear Sir

our city is again thought  
to be in great danger. Every body seems much frightened  
the enemy is said by some this morning to have appeared  
in Maryland — if this be true I don't see why they  
cannot come to Washington, in view of which  
I write to know if it would not be well to have  
your Silver gilt ready for sending on to you as  
curticles.

Please write soon (and let me know.  
I feel as usual quite cool but yet I begin to fear  
our General is not alright. Some how or there is  
a screen drawn.

Respectfully yours,

(D. Brown)

P.S.

We can do but little work here as there  
no money — for every place and streets  
is filled with the poor cut up men.