

Smithsonian Institution.

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Prof Baird

Dear Sir

I have rec^d all your letter and been faithful to execute all the orders contained in them, except the one relative my desiring you. have nothing of Interest to say I concluded that I would not write until I could say that I had finished up some one Pattern ~~to~~ of your orders left with me to fulfill.

I have this day finished up the Packing Room - and have made a beginning in the Packing Room under the Library, and indeed feel almost Puzzled. to know how I shall truly begin. for there is But little of this work that I can do alone. (and Every man is Busy, about other Repairs - about the building. Except Palmer who is doing his usual Part of Skulking - & hiding away. I have engaged in almost Every Branch of

work that is usual (and unusual about
the S.I. Mr Thomas Egerton applied to Prof Huxley
for my assistance in the Mineralogical Department
And I was engaged at different times well
into two weeks marking numbers on 2400 Pairs
of Broken ~~Old~~ Building Stone. — — —
the next. unusual job was after I had finished
filling up all the numbers in the vacant
shelves of Distributionary case against the East wall
in the Document Room. Mr Howard
complained to Mr Rhesa of the great inconvenience in
him having to come down to Doc Room with written
orders for S. Publications. — finally an order came
down from Prof Joseph Huxley By Mr Rhesa ordering
all the Papers contained in the cases above named
to be brought up in Mr Howard Room.
(from Mr Huxley) to be systematically arranged &c
this order. put me back almost one week
as James & Rudys ~~was~~ and indeed I was at times
assisting Mr Delest in the alterations then going
on in Mr Sill's (and the Apparatus Room. So I could
get but little chance or assistance to carry up

this tremendous Pile of Library matter, but
by taking up after at times I did on Thursday
last finish up the whole. Taking up a
Batch of Each Paper occupied all Friday, and
apart of Saturday. Monday I finished up washed
off all the counters Put things generally to
rights again. Lock up the Books (and decants
under the Library to begin operations there.
but finding several lot of things that Mr. Eyles
had laid out for packing for the Express-
-c. - I did not finally begin until to day.
I can not give any description of the Room
where Mr. Wallis is working as he appears
to be making very slow progress and every
thing looks very Bad in that Part of
the Building. your Room is filled with Boxes
of Osteological Specimens taken from the
Shelves from the north walls and over the door
going into Mr. Gills Room. - the first case-
on the west wall had to be removed - all its
things was taken care and placed in the last

case on the same side I take down the
Boxes and emptied the case myself so
that all was safely and carefully removed
together with Mr Stimpson's case. —
I made some righting up in the Parl
Room, But I went down to day and it
was frightful — Mr. Hill have got every
place filled with fans of fishes and
only calculated not saying anything about
Old Rays. This can keep &c floor all
slapped, Palee ripping, Indeed now
since the Assassination Party was here have
I seen such a room — But in due
time I hope to have everything in
a shape more congenial to my feelings
I shall not shock your nerves with any
description of the small state Room —
next to your office. But a change will
come over this apartment if Mr Hill
gives nuth. Prof Henry have orders
for the Balwin cases of Small Birds that
in Mr S. Room to be removed to the Museum
floor. Did Mr Norden tell you. I have not packed the

yet. But will try and hold on until I—
hear from you—on the subject

I hope Mr Baird is now very well and also
Mrs Churchill (and Miss Lucy. I called by
the house on Saturday evening all was well
(and every thing in order. Girls seemed to be
remembered. Kindly to all.

Please give my Best Regards to Mrs
Baird. Miss Lucy. Mr & Mrs Churchill & David.

I should have mentioned before that I have
been at the Patent office with Clarke
and his wagen removing some thing from
there.

I think of nothing more of Interest to say
just now.

I Am Sir your obedient Servant

Salem B. Brown.

To Prof. S. F. Baird
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