

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 got Ready for Sending on to you at Carlisles.

Please write soon and let me know. I feel as usual quite well but yet I begin to fear our Generals is not alright, Some how or there is a [?screw loosed].

Respectfully yours,

S.G.Brown

P.S.

We can do but little work here we have no [] for every place and streets is filled with the Poor cut up men.