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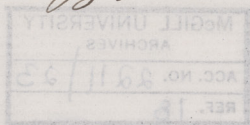
May it please your Excellency,

They state as
the result of such in-
quiries as I have been
able to make, that the
American "Quail", called also
in some places "partridge"
and "Bob White" (*Ostya*
virginiana) is distributed
all over Eastern America,
from New England and
Western Canada to Florida
and Louisiana; and that
it is not migrating, ex-
cept in the more nor-
thern part of its range,

and there only to a
very limited extent.
It is not shy, frequents
cultivated grounds and
feeds on grain &c, and
is sufficiently hardy to
endure the winters in
the Middle States. Its
habits would not seem
to present any obstacle
to its introduction into
any cultivated country
in temperate latitudes.
It might however be
apprehended that the

dampness of the climate
of Ireland would prove
injurious to the young,
but this could be
ascertained only by
experiment.

Your Excellency will
find full details as
to the habits of the
bird and the modes
of taking it in
the United States in
Wilson, Audubon and
Bird, and Spix's



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There would be little
difficulty in procuring
living specimens or in
having them forwarded
from any of the ports
of the United States.

Trusting that the
above facts will suffi-
ce to give the nec-
essary clearance,

I am

Very respectfully
Yours

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