

Dear Mr. Ridgway

If you know anything
about the birds lists, will you
send them as desired. And
please return the letter, so
that Mr. Baird may un-
derstand it when he returns.

In great haste
May 14. 6. Baird.

If a slice of the cool, salt
fog with which we are visited
could be sent to refresh you in the
Washington heat, we would willingly
 spare it to you, & be mutually
benefitted.

Do not feel bound to write
to me personally, when I write to
you in Mr. Baird's behalf. It would
be rather an imposition upon you,
& is not at all necessary, as I am
only acting as his clerk, tho' perhaps
taking unclerkly liberties. With
regards from Miss Lucy & myself,
I am very truly yours,

Mary A. C. Kirby.

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Eastport, Maine, Aug. 27, 1872.

My dear Mr. Ridgway,

It seems to be your
fate to receive letters from me
this summer; but you must
remember that life is full of
vicissitudes!

Your letter of the 22^d
is just received, & Mr. Baird is
away, fog-bound, at Grand Ma-
non. I therefore write to ac-
knowledge the receipt of your
letter, so that you may understand
why you do ^{not} hear at once from
the Professor. For myself, I am
glad to hear such good account
of the Raptures, & the Zygodyli,

& the Hittites, & the Ammonites,
& the Jebusites, &c., & think it
must be a relief to have them
disposed of. Mr. Baird will
give you his view of the subject
when he gets back, which may
be tomorrow, & may not be till
the end of the week; just as the
fog may rule, & such ruling
has been very uncertain here for
a month past.

I hope Mr. Zeehon,
to whom please remember us
very kindly, is pleased with the
prospect which is opening before
him. I think it must, undoubtedly,
be agreeable to him to go home
under such complimentary circum-
stances. Tell him that we shall all
feel at liberty to be proud of his

future success.

Mr. Gile has gone on
to Grand Manan with the party,
after spending several days here
in a state of some vacillation,
because certain boxes &c., in various
of which his own coat seems to have
been, had not been promptly for-
warded from the S. S. to New York;
& consequently, he found himself,
in this region of fog & cold weather,
in light summer attire. For-
tunately, I was able to lend him
an old sack coat of Mr. Baird's,
which he is wearing, à la our coat,
on this expedition. I think he will
be rather disappointed if he do not
get back by tomorrow, in time to
take the western bound steamer, as
the time he proposed to remain
in this vicinity had about expired.

Waukegan, Conn., July 29, 1873.

My dear Mr. Ridgway,

Your letter of the 27th, marked "private," to Mr. Baird, as well as two others by the same mail, reached here yesterday. And as Mr. Baird requests me to open all letters coming to him, I did so with yours.

I write to say to you that Mr. Baird left Monday for Holyoke, expecting to return the next day, or possibly to stay one day longer, & even, perhaps to go on to Boston. I learn, by telegram, that he has done the latter; but, in this uncertainty, I have not been able to communicate to him the substance of your letter.

I have, within a few minutes, received another dispatch, asking if it is necessary for him to be here to-night; but as he could not now get here before midnight (the last 8 miles in a carriage) there would be nothing gained by it, & I have telegraphed to him that there are letters which must be answered to-morrow & that I will meet him at the 2 1/2 P.M. train; which, as the mail goes out from here at 6 P.M., will give him time to write to you & to Professor Henry. I am very sorry for this delay, but it has been unavoidable, as you will have perceived.

Hoping that all may come right, I am, in great haste,
Very truly
Mary H. C. King.