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ALBANYDR. TARLETON H. BEAN
STATE FISH CULTURIST1 Madison Ave.,
New York, Aug. 4, 1909.

Dear Mr. Ridgway:

Enclosed is a letter which I found recently in the attic of my country house, at Smithtown, and I think you should have it although I can not remember now whether you gave it to me to keep or not. I am inclined to believe that I forgot to note the memorandum at the top.

I trust you are well and happy. For my own part, if any means could be found to improve my wife's sight I would have little fault to find with the way matters are going. We have a delightful little farm of 19 acres on a trout river with woods, springs, birds, wild flowers and many other natural attractions. The water cures rheumatism and superfluous flesh. I can go down stream to Long Island Sound in my row boat and gather clams at low tide and catch a mess of flatfish on the young flood, then travel quickly home before tide turns.

I wish you could run over and have a little outing with me.

Yours sincerely,
Tarleton H. Bean.

UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM.

November 13, 1884.

Received from office of CURATOR, DEPT OF BIRDS:

1 pr long stuffing forceps, 1 pr. small spring forceps,
2 small scalpels, 1 pr. small dissecting scissors.

(Sign here.)

T. W. Bean

SPENCER F. BAIRD,
Commissioner.

United States Commission, Fish and Fisheries,

Gloucester, Mass.

~~Washington, D.C.~~

July 22, 1878.

Dear Ridgway;

We have a water bird in our Gloucester collection which will probably interest you — the skua (Bu-
phagus ? skua). We have done our best in preparing the skin, but it was badly abused before it was found. A fisherman brought it in alive, with clipped wings, last week from George's Bank. Some bad boys killed it, — it was then thrown into the harbor & floated under our wharf, where Mr. Goode found it. The man claims that it is not uncommon on George's Bank.

Sincerely yr.,
Darleton H. Bean.