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Commissioners on Fisheries and Game *State House*

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

Mr. Robert Ridgeway,

Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ridgeway:-

It has been quite a number of years since you have seen or heard of me and perhaps you have forgotten that you ever knew me at all but I trust that you will, at any rate, pardon me for bothering you at this time.

In talking with Mr. John N. Drake, of New York, at the office this morning I learned that there have been published in the past few years four volumes of a work on birds written by you and I hoped that there might be some way for me to secure these and the other volumes to follow. If you can help me in this I would appreciate it very much as the books would be invaluable to me in this work and a fine addition to my library.

I trust that you are well and that you will pardon me if I am intruding on your valuable time.

Thanking you for any courtesy, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

W. Raymond Collins.

Clerk.