

peace Dale, R.I., July 20, 1916

Robert Ridgway, Esq.,

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My dear Mr. Ridgway:-

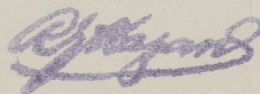
I am very much indebted to you for yours of the 18th, written when, I presume, there is more writing for you to do than you know how to keep up with. I appreciate the attention all the more.

Yes, I did have the pleasure of furnishing Wandering Albatross eggs and some other Antarctic material to the Smithsonian, and reproach myself that I did not insist upon Professor Baird's giving me a portrait which I once saw in his room, but I was a young fellow, and did not know how hard it was going to be to get later. I will try your suggestion of J. B. Lippincott.

I hope the final volume of your Birds of North and Middle America, will certainly contain a steel engraving of your portrait. You ought to permit this to be done, and I am sure it would please your hosts of friends very much.

Very truly yours,

Dictated but not read
by R. G. H.



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Peace Dale, R.I., July 13, 1916

Robert Ridgway, Esq.,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir:-

I do not know whether you remember me as having been the fortunate person to send in some Wandering Albatross' eggs for the collection many years ago. I knew Professor Spencer F. Baird, and am at present very desirous of one of those fine portraits of him which I think appeared in a book of yours.

Also I very much want a steel engraving of yourself. Will you be so kind as to send me these, or, if that is not proper or possible, give me a hint where I can get them. It seems to be hard work to find them.

Always faithfully yours,

R. J. Hayard

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Addressed envelope
for reply*