"Bowerwood House"
St Botolph's Road,
S E V E N O A K S,
Kent.

April 1. 51.

Dear Mr Racey,

Thank you for your letter; I have looked at the skins of the Garganey and find I have a very nice adult male to let you have, an at present not atall sure about a duck however. I may say that to get this species now in the spring dress is extremely difficult. It has a limited breeding range in the British Isles and the marshes it frequents are all strictly protected. I will presently see what other material of the species you are requiring I can find. At the moment I am awaiting on the Board of Trade with regard to the renewal of my Research Import Licence, and hope that this will come through in due course endorsed for the next six months. If this is returned in order I will proceed to make up a parcel and advise you further.

I shall be very happy to have the pair of Harlequin Duck and the Hooded Merganser, and would much like the Tringa incana and the White-winged Crossbill.

I can certainly let you have a nice specimen of the Razor-billed Auk, it will be one of the southern population - Alca torda islandica.

My book on the Birds of Kent will be fully illustrated, for there will be 34 coloured plates as well as a large number of black and white illustrations, several maps and figures.

Kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,