August 17th, 1951.

Dear Mr. Racey,

I am glad to say that the four skins reached me safely and in good condition to-day, and I am extremely pleased to have them all I will see whether I shall be lucky enough this coming season, which has just opened, to secure a good specimen of the Light-breasted Brent. Although this form of the Brent Goose appears in Kent, they are not seen every season, and so far I have never been fortunate enough to have secured one for my own collection.

I have not yet been able to go through the whole collection with regard to possible spare material, but if you should be wanting examples of our Grey Heron, I can supply although I do not happen to have a spare adult male. Also I have spare material of the Bittern, and would much like, if one of these is acceptable, a ~~s~~ample of Botaurus lentiginosus in exchange. Upon hearing from you whether any of these interest you, I will look them out, and also look out a specimen of the Razorbill. Perhaps you would let me know whether with Heron and Bittern skins you prefer specimens with the head and neck down one side or stretched out in front? Do you want any further examples of the Anatidae? As I am pretty certain that I have a fair amount of spare material of such species as Scaup, Goldeneye, Velvet and Common Scoter, but I will presently know better what other material I may have in excess of my own requirements. I will look out for you also, as requested, the female Rook I promised you some time back. Do you want any examples of Corvus monedula, Garrulus glandarius, or Pica pica? I dare say I can let you have specimens of the Great and Lesser Spotted Woodpecker though I have not many to spare.

Yours sincerely,