"Bowerwood House"
St Botolph's Road,
SEVENOAKS, Kent.

Sept.23. 51.

Dear Mr Racey,

I have now packed up a parcel for you containing the following specimens:-

Corvus frugilegus frugilegus ♀ ad.
Dendrocopos major anglicus ♂ and ♀ ad.
Alca torda britannica ♀

I trust that you will like these specimens; unfortunately I find I cannot spare an example of Dendrocopos minor comminutus yet, but I will remember your wish for this and shall hope to be able to let you have one or if possible a pair in due course. This is a somewhat difficult bird to get, even in this district where it is not really uncommon.

Do you want any of the following species? Hooded Crow, Carrion-Crow, Jay, Magpie, Rook, Jackdaw, Starling, Sparrow-Hawk, Tawny Owl, Barn-Owl, Little Owl, Common Heron, Bittern, Redshank, GreensShank, Green Sandpiper, Wood-Sandpiper, Dunlin, Common Sandpiper, Ringed Plover, Turnstone, Snipe, Jack Snipe, Woodcock, Golden Plover. Bar-tailed Godwit, Black-tailed Godwit, ~~[illegible]~~ Curlew, Whimbrel. It is possible I may find I have spare material in the above species. Incidentally the Curlew has just been put on the protected list in this county, Heaven knows why, it has never attempted to nest, is with us all the year round and in the winter at any time one can see anything up to ten thousand in their favourite resorts!

Since returning from the Swedish trip I have completed seven water-colour paintings of northern Species in their natural habitat, with the tundra vegetation, and scenes from that area; have a number more to do. My volumes of Western Palaearctic bird paintings now numbers four, in all about 200 paintings, from many European countries.

I shall be sending the parcel off early this coming week and shall be glad to know that it reaches you safely, perhaps you will let me know. I trust that you may find amongst the list given in this letter some species in which you are interested. When I hear from you I will go into the matter more fully. I have a big lot of Anatidae here, since I took in the collection I acquired before going to Scandinavia, and feel pretty sure that I shall have some spares. By the way I suppose you do not want a fine adult male Tetroaurogallus urogallus? It is a Scottish specimen.

With kind regards,
Yours very sincerely,