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Dear Dr. Harrison: -

I am afraid that I have fallen down very badly in my promise to try & send you some of the antitides prepared for relaxing & mounting for your bird gallery & my excuse is that I have been laid up since mid Dec. & only today have I had the opportunity of examining the birds listed in your letter of Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>. These specimens arrived safely & also included a Coot. I am very pleased to have these. - Many thanks.

I sincerely trust that you & all the members of your family have safely escaped the devastating flood and storms which parts of England have experienced. We are all so sorry & grieved for the great loss of life & for all the suffering & hardships being endured by the survivors both in England & the Low Countries.

I now have the following specimens for you  
a ♂ Pintail in eclipse, & shoveller, both these were collected by one of the students & have been degreased. They are only rough skins & not made up, however they can easily be relaxed. As I do not know your methods of relaxing, may I suggest that these two skins be soaked for 24 hours in water - warm at first - then put in a bath of lightest white gasoline in which has been added one table-spoonful of turpentine to one quart of gas, for an hour or two, then place skins in fine hardwood sawdust & rub gently into the feathers, shake out surplus & blow with reversed vacuum cleaner or hair drier. I will also include some Redpolls & some other of your desiderata. The Redpolls I made up while still in bed & they may not be quite as nice as they should be.

In your letter of Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> 52 you ask if I would like an example of Buteo b. bates. Yes, I will be very glad of an adult & perhaps you would like one of our race & so will keep the first one <sup>for you</sup> that comes along.

You mention have received a visit from Mr. John Williams. While I have not met this gentleman personally I have had considerable correspondence with him & some exchange of specimens. May I enquire if you have done any exchanging with him & if the transactions were satisfactory. At first mine were, but latterly very much not so.



If you have a spare Leach's Forked-tailed Petrel I would be glad of one.

I will make up a box of specimens for you as soon as I am able to go down to the bird room which will be very soon.

I have been delighted to see the new British Post stamps bearing the portrait of the young Queen. They are lovely & I look forward to the new issues to add beauty to my stamp collection.

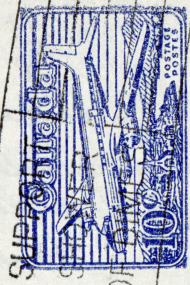
Thank you for the name & address of your publisher. I will write to them at once.

Kind regards to you all

Very sincerely yours  
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