

Caracara, Venezuela.

12 Feb 1898.

Dear Mr. Hartert,

Your letter of the 3^d of January just received, and I have also to report that by the same mail Dalton & Co., inform me that they have received your payment of £ 118.15.0 through Messrs. Henry Schröder & Co., of London. Please accept my thanks for your promptness.

I am very glad that you were pleased with the birds forwarded because I am now sure you will like those to follow for the reason that I am trying to exercise even more care than in the preparation of the first lot.

By my second shipment (now on the way) you will receive several additional specimens of Chrysotis bodini also a larger series of Saltator orenocensis L. ofr.

Wednesday of the present week just before starting for this point I sent six boxes and one

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barrel down the river in a "bungeo"
to Ciudad Bolivar to Dalton & Co to be
forwarded to you at the earliest
opportunity. The shipment contains
about (750) nine hundred and fifty
bird skins and (20) twenty mammal
skins. In the lot you will
find a good many duplicates of
the species found in the first
lot, but also a goodly number
of species not represented in
that shipment. And I feel sure
of several new species.

I remained at Atagracia longer
than I had intended, first because
I had the fever for two weeks
and later because I could not
get a boat. However I feel
that the time was not wasted
and the ground was gone
over more thoroughly than if
I had remained for a shorter
time. The number of hummers
is not greatly increased — but
they will come in due time. I
am after the birds and I will
get them.

For the payment that you
make on the present ship-
ment I will ask you to

send your cheque, for the
amount, to the following address
Dr. Martin B. Cherrie
Ankeny
Iowa
U.S.A.

And of course payable to Dr.
Martin B. Cherrie.

The greater part of the specimens
in the present shipment are labeled
with the small tags. This I
very much regret as I know
you do not like such small
labels, and they are clearly too
small for the notes they bear.
I now have an abundance
of the large tags — some 4000 —
and I will try and keep my-
self supplied hereafter.

I will only collect in the
immediate vicinity of Cairns for a very short
time although I am persuaded it
would yield quite a different set
of birds from those found

about Attagracia. The country
here being extremely hilly very
different from the rolling prai-
rie in the neighborhood of
Attagracia.

Believe me

Very Truly

Geo. K. Cherrie

Send Barb,

Bitte an E. H. Tving retourneren

Ciudad Bolívar, Venezuela

31 May 1898.

My dear Mr. Startz;

Will you have thought that I am swallowed by the Revolution in Venezuela? I have indeed been silent for a long time but I am still in the field after birds. The last three months have not been very fruitfull and everything had seemed to work against me and I have accomplished very little. In the first place I immediately after going to Caicara I sent to Bolívar for money. Dalton & Co. did their part but the package was rifled and I remained at Caicara without funds to get away to get on up the river or back into the mountains. In fact I was in such hard straits that I had to pawn one of my guns and my watch for food. Then later, especially for the last month, after I had received funds, the revolution assumed such an ugly phase that all work was stopped and I consider myself fortunate in that I was not robbed of my guns and entire outfit. The forced idleness day after day gave me the "blues" and I did not even write letters. They would have been blue and laden with a part of the fever I have had.

Day before yesterday I unexpectedly had the opportunity to come down the river in one of the government boats ^{arrived this evening} carrying troops. I came down to get fresh supplies and make another effort to reach Atures and perhaps get above the falls. However I do not expect to be able to reach San Fernando de Atabapo before the beginning of the next dry season.

I have brought with me about 790 bird skins - seven boxes - a few nests and eggs and a very small lot of lepidoptera.

There had been no rain as yet at Caicara; everything is parched

and bumped with the heat. Lepidoptera are far from common. And yet, while there has been no rain at Caicara, and very little at this point, the river has been raising steadily and must be near forty-five (45) feet higher than it was during February.

I expect to go back tomorrow, or the day following; again in a government boat with troops.

For the past month I have not been permitted to carry a gun, and in fact scarce permitted to stick my head out of the door! Caicara has twice been taken by the revolutionists and retaken by the government. What the final results of the conflict will be can only be guessed at. Up to date it has caused us much annoyance, and a considerable loss of time.

I was not a little surprised at meeting Mr Klages this evening and learning that he had been here for some three months. He seems well and apparently feels he has been reasonably successful in his collecting. But as to this you are probably advised.

The skins I brought with me will be forwarded to you at the earliest opportunity. I leave them with my agents, Dalton & Co.

I have not yet heard from you as to whether the February shipment reached you in good order or not? But know that it must have been received as Mr Oldfield Thomas writes me that he received the few mammals sent at that time. I hope you found all in good condition.

For the present shipment you may also
remit (by check) to Dr. N. B. Cherrie, Mackay, Iowa,
U.S.A.

Sincerely yours
Geo. K. Cherrie

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 1550 = \text{£ } 77.107
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Carl

My Dear Mr Hartert;

This afternoon
dad Bolívar five boxes
to the above firm & require
be forwarded to you at
is but a small one and
more satisfactory than
of hummers. However, aside
find a good many species
shipments. The most of these
of Perico. I send some thin
gather with parent birds.

The consignment contains
320 bird skins (incl
13 nests and sets
23 small mammals
1000 or more butterfly
few hundred

While you have never
nests and eggs & nevertheless
things of interest in those

Caracas, Rio Orinoco, Venezuela.
5 Nov 1898.

Forward to Halton & Co Civil-
specimens. In my note
est that the consignment
earliest convenience. The lot
fear will not prove any
st shipments in the way
from the hummers, you will
not represented in former
come from the neighborhood
teen nests and sets of eggs to-

the following; -

one or less)

of eggs)

skins and skulls)

birds and moths) and a
beetles).

written anything regarding.

had hope you will find some
sent in my last shipment

and
those contained in the jar
The small mammals which
I believe prove satisfactory
opossum will interest you
I was compelled to collect
hundred butterflies and moths
and more than likely a good
are useless. I feel that I
collecting.

Perico is near the foot
place no longer exists, except
above the first fall, or rapids
is immediately below it.
six or eight miles is ex-
vegetation. Nothing but be-
wooded valleys. But the chief
in the narrow strip of wood
I feel that I ought to write
what I have been doing the last
short story, and I shan't go
been fighting fevers, especially
yesterday got out of bed for
months and I feel all right.

esent lot.

le but few in number will
specimens. I hope the little
ow.

throw away a good many
be ruined by small ants etc.
many that I send you now
am not a success at insect

mer site of Stures. The latter
it on the maps. Stures was
ls, in the river while Perico

The country for a radius of
ceedingly arid. Large areas without
one rock. There are a few narrow
resort for birds is found
ods along the Orinoco.

make some explanation as to
ast few months. It's a very
o much into detail. I have
for the last month and
the last ten days tussle. Six

I have thought a good man
up the fight. But I am here
& hope fever will give me a
& have not yet heard
received the shipment from

Kindly remit, for present
~~Ciudad Bolivar~~ of Henry Schröder
ed by them to Dalton & Co, Cin
As early a remittance as con

If the fever lets me
consignment within six
in better spirits, than I have

The river is much lower
year ago and is lowering

I expect the boat tomorrow
to the foot of the falls. I think
before I do more collecting. Be-
eemed more or less by my a

Perico, Rio Orinoco 17
this evening. Am feeling
an tomorrow, but have
able to commence serious

ny times I would have to give
and as the dry season advanced
est. If it don't I may rest eternally.
from you whether you
arded early in June?

at consignment, to ~~Haltan & Co,~~
& Co in London to be forward-
dad Bolivar subject to my order.
venient will be appreciated.

work you will have another
weeks. I am weak but feel
before I might say in months
er than it was at this time a
ng rapidly.

ow that will again carry me
nk I will go on to Naipures
at as to that will have to be gov-
bility to get transportation.

av 1898. I only arrived here
only well and expect to push
not much hopes of being
work before the 25th. I will