

Please return to U.S.

27 Fairview Place, Brooklyn, N. Y. U. S. A.
March 24 1902.

Mr Ernst Hartert
Zoological Museum
Tring, England.

My dear Mr. Hartert:

I have delayed answering your letter in an effort to get some accurate information regarding French Guiana before giving you a definite reply. But accurate information regarding that part of South America seems to be at a premium! And up to the present time I have learned almost nothing - of seasons, expense of living, roads, means of transportation from point to point, etc., and a call at the office of the French Consul General in this city added little or nothing to my stock of information. Immediately after the receipt of your letter I wrote to the American Consul at Cayenne but as yet have no reply.

Cayenne has the reputation of being a very unhealthy country and that with the fact that you agree to take only six ^{species of} specimens of every kind collected made your offer somewhat less attractive than when I went up the Orinoco. However as I am anxious to get back into the field, and as I am sure that the locality will prove interesting, I have determined to accept your proposition. It is easy to see the force of your argument as to why a collection from Cayenne would be interesting and valuable. I have myself often thought of the desirability of collecting in that region but previously have always dismissed the project owing to the country's bad name.

I will go to Cayenne (French Guiana) and will send you the first and only scientific collection of any considerable size that has ever been in that country.

I appreciate the honor you do me in dedicating some of the new birds from the Orinoco collection, to me. I look forward with interest to seeing the completed article.

I will make my preparations to go to Cayenne the last of September or early in October, and if I can secure the services of a really good man as an assistant I will take some one with me from New York. I think that I will be able to send you satisfactory specimens of butterflies and moths.

I will communicate immediately with Mr. Oldfield Thomas and try to make arrangements for the sale of the mammals that I may secure.

I am greatly indebted to you for your kindness in arranging for the sale of so many of my duplicate birds.

Very truly yours

Geo. K. Cherrie

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27 Fairview Place, Brooklyn, N.Y.
19 May 1902.

Mr. Ernst Hartert
Zoological Museum
Tring, England.

Dear Mr. Hartert;

The two copies of "The Birds of the Orinoco Region" are at hand and are very nice indeed. Please accept my thanks for the same. I should also state that the proof copy was also received and I am using the same for numerous annotations as I expect to take it with me on the Cayenne trip.

There are a number of the species concerning which I will write you later, but just at the present moment it occurs to me to enquire if you by any chance could have been mistaken in considering all three specimens of Cathartes that I secured as burrovianus? Specimens Nos. 10407 and 10486 have the colors so very different that it seems hardly possible that they could belong to the same species! The colors for these two specimens, I find from my notes, are; eye golden brown; Feet pansy purple; bill horn white; bare skin on head and neck pansy purple except occiput and back of neck ~~whh~~ which is primrose yellow, the line between the two colors being abrupt and sharply defined. No 11099 had the eye crimson, feet and tarsi whitish and the toes dusky, bill horny white & the remaining colors of the head as indicated in the sketch which is reproduced in your article. The colors on the head in this specimen it should also be noted are not sharply defined and abrupt but for the most part blend insensibly one into another.

I will be very glad if you succeed in disposing of all of my Orinoco duplicates. If you do not sell all, will it be asking too much for you to send me a list of the species that are still represented in the duplicate series? I think it possible that I can dispose of one or two sets here.

It is very good of you to endeavor to make arrangements for the disposal of some of the duplicates that will be received with the Cayenne collection.

Mr. Oldfield Thomas has offered me the same terms or the same prices that he paid for material from the Orinoco region.

A list of the birds known to occur in Cayenne would be of very great use to me. An accurate list brought up to date would be of very great value. I will know the majority of the Cayenne hummers before I leave here.

Sincerely yours

Geo. K. Cherrie

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Budapest

27 Fairview Place
Brooklyn, N.Y. U.S.A.

12. Aug. 1902.

Mr Ernst Hartert;
Zoological Museum
Tring, England.

My dear Mr. Hartert:

I have to advise you
that I expect to sail for Cayenne, by
way of Demerara, on the 9th of
September. At Cayenne you
will please address me care
of Mr. Edouard A. L. Lalanne, U. S. Con-
sular agent, Cayenne, French Guiana.

I had hoped to receive some
returns from the sale of my du-
plicate bird skins are this; but
suppose you have been unable
to settle the matter?

I am taking a companion
with me from this city; a Mr
B. T. Gault who makes an expert
bird skin and has had considerable
experience in local work. I think
we will send you a satisfactory lot
of material.

Sincerely

The Biological Laboratory

OF THE BROOKLYN INSTITUTE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

27 Fairview Place Brooklyn
~~Cold Spring Harbor, L. I., N. Y.~~, 9 Sept 1902

Dear Mr Hartert;

I have your valued favor of Aug 22.

Regarding the duplicates I wish to say that I am satisfied to have them go to the Budapest museum at the price you name. And I also accept the terms as to the payment. I do not think that I will have to ask you to advance any of the money.

Please accept my thanks for your very great kindness in arranging for the disposal of all my duplicate skins. It is a kindness that I assure you I thoroughly appreciate.

as to the payment for col-
lections sent from Cayenne
& think it best to write
you instructions after I
reach that point; however
for the present you
may address me care
of the Am. Consular Agent.

I sail today at 3 P.M.
you will probably
next hear from me
in Guiana.

I will look out for the
Hummer. Will also make
careful inquiries about
the Rhea.

Sincerely
Geo. K. Cherrie

Please address:

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Care M. Raymond Antier

Consul des Etats-Unis d'Amérique

Cayenne, French Guiana
S. A.

City of Cayenne, French Guiana, S. A.

2 Oct 1902.

Mr. Ernst Hartent

Zoological Museum

Tring, England.

Dear Mr. Hartent:

I arrived safely on the 30th of September but have not yet succeeded in getting our outfit out of the custom house. I however hope to be able to do so today.

I have been looking about the city somewhat and have gone into the country for some five or six miles. The prospects I believe are good for birds in this immediate neighborhood, probably also for lepidoptera. There are no electric lights and only a few very dingy oil lamps on odd corners, but I have in my outfit an acetain gas lamp (and carbide) for a strong light.

Your letter of Aug 30 with first installment of the Berlepsch list of Cayenne birds is received. It will prove
useful to me.

4 Oct

There is very great gold excitement here at the present time the people seem to have gone crazy on the subject. Mining is exceedingly expensive and prices are soaring!

My outfit is still in the custom house and I find I will not be able to get it clear before early next week. There is an endless amount of "red tape" in the administration of all official business. I have a letter to the governor of Bayonne, from the French ambassador at Washington, and expect an audience on Monday. After that I hope to be able to move about less restricted and can

as we receive foreign mail only once a month - due the 29th or 30th of each month and as I fear I am going to run short of funds, owing to the extreme high prices I will ask you please to advance me at once \$500⁰⁰. Please send by exchange either on New York or Paris.

I will make my first shipment by the next steamer about Nov 1st.

I shall certainly make some notes on habits etc. and will also collect some nests and eggs.

I am in the best of health. Thanking you for your good wishes - I am sincerely,
I have lost my pen! Geo. K. Bland

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Bayenne, French Guiana, S. A.

1. Dec. 1902.

Mr. Ernst Hartert
Zoological Museum
Tring, England

Dear Mr. Hartert,

Contrary to my expectations and being out of the city I was unable to make the first shipment on Nov. 1st; but today I am shipping two boxes containing 576 bird skins I hope they will reach you safely and that you will find the specimens in good condition. I have had to contend with many unexpected difficulties in the way of transportation, labor etc., so that to date I have not been as successful as I could have wished. Owing to the gold excitement the price of canoe travel up the river is prohibitive for a luckless bird collector! However tomorrow or the day following I expect to start for the Approuague river which river I hope to ascend for some distance. Will you not kindly remit for the skins at your earliest convenience?

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For in addition to other troubles I am running short of funds. I wrote you on the 2^d of October asking you to kindly advance \$500.00 - five-hundred Dollars but as I have not heard from you I presume you must have been absent from T. ring.

We get mail but once a month and that is due the 29th or 30th of each month.

In addition to the 576 specimens shipped today we have on hand something over 400 others drying and almost ready for packing and shipment.

In looking over Count Berlepsch's list I see the Water Thrush Seiurus noveboracensis has not been recorded from Cayenne. And while I have not secured specimens I have to record the seeing of a single bird of that species on Oct 14th. It being a common N. A. bird and being very close I am absolutely sure of the identification. The cartridge I had in my gun proved worthless or I might have more substantial record.

I am in the best of health.

Very truly
G. C. K. Cherrill