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Ruthven Deane Esq.. 5/28/28.

Dear Mr. Deane

I have yours of the 24th inst. and am always glad to hear from any of fathers old friends. About the Jaroquets Since publishing my "Birds of Fla" book I have had so many inquiries concerning them; that I hardly dare mention the word, for dozens of collectors have wanted to come in & clean out any that might be. Even with the dove, E. Wdfke., as soon as one is located, some 'Cracker' is hired to kill them for some out of State party. This year we have had many collecting within our boundaries, & not according to Hoyle, for they have hired Crackers to collect Eggs at so much per. Recently birds at so much per., & had I not caused many species to be left up for the entire season, instead of giving them a chance to raise the second setting. It isn't fair to work these under their scientific guise. The Audubon Society wanted me to capture any remaining birds & ship to Calif. to try & raise them there, but I wrote them I wasn't interested in taking them from their last habitats. If you know of any one having any autographed letters of the

older ornithologists -, such as Baird, Cassin, Lawrence Ed c. etc — I would be glad to purchase for cash — I probably have the most complete collection of Ornithological extant x I am now getting ready to erect a fire proof private museum here - within my own grounds - & house my collections & library -, a kind of memorial to Dad.

Do you think Robt. Ridgway would like to spend the winter in Fla. next year -, I have thought of asking him to be my guest here & even expenses to & fro in his home paid x? It's a shame for men of his age to remain in that cold climate & bad weather; dad would have lived another 10 or 15 yrs. if he had come down last winter. If you ever write Dr. Ridgway you might sound him at on the subject??

With best wishes

Sincerely yrs.

Harold H. Bailey