Ridgway Collection

Ithaca, N.Y.
Aug 14- '93.

My dear Mr. Ridgway:-

I was glad to receive your letter the other day, and must thank you for being so full and explicit. I am glad to know about this case, as it shows me much of the methods and the carefulness with which the systematic work of ornithology is carried on. Indeed, it has always been a complete mystery to me that you could accomplish so much - so perfectly, and I take this opportunity of telling you the great appreciation I have of your most valuable life-work. Of course I am only one of these appreciators, but I assume you I am one of the sincerest, and it is a great pleasure for me

to tell you of it.

I have just had some pleasant days with Nelson, who has spent a part of his vacation here on our lake. It was a treat I seldom have, and I was correspondingly glad to see him here.

I hope to see you in Philadelphia but in case you are not able to come, I shall in all probability spend two or three weeks in Washington afterwards.

With best wishes for the continued success of your great work, and kindest personal regards for yourself, I am, as ever

Very truly your friend

Louis Agassiz Fuertes

Scarborough, N. Y.
March 14th 1900.

Dear Mr. Dutcher:—

I enclose a clipping from the New York Herald, which you may not have run across. Does not the new Law make it perfectly possible to make an example of this very case? I have written Mr. Stone to send you the name of the dealer in question (in case you do not already know all about it) so that you will have material to work on if you find you can push the case.

Mr. Thayer suggests that it might be wise to warn him of what is before him, as it might cause him to countermand his order, thus saving the 20,000 birds—

That is for you to think over, however. Perhaps Mr. Stone's work may be efficacious—

Mr. Thayer wants me to reiterate that he is most appreciative of all that you are doing, and that he of course agrees that the fund is for any necessary trips, like the one to Virginia. Within a couple of days, at the latest, he expects to send out the appeals.

Very truly yours
Louis Agassiz Fuertes.

Here is a check that came to Mrs. Thayer this A. M.—$10.00