Ridgway Collection

San Francisco, Cal.

Professor Robert Ridgway Esq.
Smithsonian Institution
Washington D.C.

Dear Professor.

I received a statement from Secretary S.I. Brown (cat n° 33890) that a package with bird skins have been received. I sent those birds about 9 months ago to Mr Wm Palmer; at the time he was in Tennessee and he wrote me as to the list I made up for exchange, there were so very few, that you would spare any of the Sierra birds. Well, I will not bother you, dear Professor, with a enumeration of species, I would be glad to have in my possession, but leave the matter entirely to You. I am satisfied with any cantera

birds.
Desire I like to ask You, have
You perhaps any wishes about our
coast birds? I may be able to furnish
a good deal of certain desirable
specimens.

Hoping to hear from
You

I remain very respectfully

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Professor Robert Ridgway
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Dear Sir.—

I received yesterday the birds from the Smithsonian Institution and your kind letter and must say, that I am greatly indebted to You for your great kindness. I am very proud of eastern birds and was very much pleased by this arrival.
To say I went out for some Melospiza etc

but found the birds are still a little moulting, principly Chamaea, I have to wait 8 or 10 days more. I have of the named birds some very good Specimens and skins of the young ones and I will send some of them also. —
You may expect the birds in question the last days of October, perhaps address is inside.
Thanking for past courtesies

I remain

very respectfully

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