I saw Jim Thomson for a moment on Saturday; he mentioned having seen you in Washington. Shall we try to get up to New Haven in a few weeks?

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

I hear of a man who is going to South America to collect on the banks of the Orinoco. Do you want anything? If so what?
What would you pay for manatee
breeding stocks of American
alligators 10 c. - c.

Office of GEO. B. GRINNELL & CO. 36 Broad Street,
New York, May 7th 1872

My dear Professor,

Your favour of the 24th ult.
came duly to hand and
should have been answered
sooner - Pray forgive my
negligence - accept the
old excuse of business.

I am glad that you
are pleased with
the specimens. The
envelope I know nothing
of and what is worse
I do not know the
Generic nature of those kids, so that unless I have an ornithological work containing all the nomenclature I do not know how to go to work to discover the species. It was blackish brown in color, the upper parts glossy and changeable a bare patch under the throat was scarlet. The caribou will have to satisfy you until next fall when I hope to get you a male and female moose and male and female caribou. I have a coyote skull perfect at $10.00 also a very rare monkey sketch about 3/4 feet in length, no tail and from the shape of his head I should think nearly allied to the Troglodytes, I am told that it is the only one that has ever been in this country.
Shall I get it? Please let me know immediately.

You must be mistaken about the Honduras wild Turkey. Wallace has had several days of melaguea medicus to put up for Barlow but he says he has now seen a specimen of M. of ocellata. Let me hear from you soon.

Yours sincerely,
Geo Bird Woman
New York, May 9th 1872

My dear Professor,

Your note of the 7th reached me yesterday morning. Thanks for your prompt reply. The coyote is a female and died at the Central Park. I have also a Kangaroo apparently of the same species as that one sent you last year but a male and considerably larger.
That one was a female you may remember, and you expressed yourself much pleased with it. This one is valued by Wallace at $25.00. It is cleaned, that is to say all the flesh that can be removed with a knife is taken off, and is perfect to the toes except that the pubic bones are badly broken. It has saved all the pieces how now. The truth are in fine condition. Do you want it? I have now to speak of a very rare skeleton that I have for you—It is a monkey (Cynocephalus nigra) and is the first ever brought to this country. A work on the quadrumanous that I consult says that there is not one specimen in Europe. Its price
is $10.00 - Coyote $10.00

Monkey $10.00

Kangaroo $2.50

$45.00

I am this moment in receipt of yours of the 8th. From this time forward you need have no fear of trouble on account of specimens sent from Wallaces as I shall always have them cleaned and dried before sending them to you. The monkey was valued at $1000.00 when alive. I hope you will like him.
You may not have noticed that the specimens lately sent have been cleaned, but once you spoke to me about that I have taken pains to have the meat cut off as cleanly as possible. I will attend to your commissions at Colver. Many thanks for the Buffalo head and the information with regard to book. Let me know about Kangaroo.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

When you come down account of you to arrange to spend a night with me [Signature]
New York, May 25th, 1872

My dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge and thank you for a splendid Buffalo head—An Endowed of your prowess on the Prairie. May you live to have many more hunts and make
lots of your friends, happy with presents of superb trophies. Should have sooner acknowledged your gift. But have been out of town.

Your friend,

[Signature]

Bozio March
New York, June 13th, 1872

My dear Professor,

On my arrival here yesterday I made inquiries concerning the Amiable Mr. Friedman and I find out first that he is a wonderer, if not a brother, at least an habitual wonderer. He has cheated Wallace, Smith, and several other men.

I fear that your fortune...
five dollars is gone when
the woodbine turneth.
Wallace also says
that he don't believe
that he is a good work
man. And expressed
sympathy for the poor
when he heard that
you had had dealings
with him. For further
particulars I refer
you to Mr. Hooks.

Phila. You have
a credit balance
with me of $26.90.
The Buffalo breed
wire six dollars a pie
the shield on which
the wire mounted
you may make some-
thing out of. But I fancy he
is rather a slippery customer. Let me know when you are coming in town.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
My dear Professor,

I write hastily to inform you that Wallace has returned from England and has brought some nice shells. He has one elephant one hippopotamus one black rhinoceros two wart hogs two baby rhinoceros (?) total skeletons of African and reptile and do you want any of their? Wallace.
need money and 
will seek it to 

From your care 

Still that you 

I am very sincere 

Sincerely yours 

E. A. C.
New York, Aug. 14, 1872

My dear Professor,

Your despatch and letter of the 21st. met are at hand. I returned from my buffalo hunt well pleased with the trip, crossing it. A. Sunday last, we (Jim Roper & myself) had a glorious time. We fished from Bluff, Creek with little luck.
the Major’s brother, caught party. Late North
the Pawnees over on
Brannad two or three
and I don’t know what
I like him or his bro
and...mire with Bill
...tine killed a few
told, I having
...been gone only fifteen
days from N. M.
paid the Major for a
...few minutes. He seemed so good that I
seen it took both latter
...itself to hold him
...on his horse. Altogether
...we had a good time.
...glad to see me and like to repeat it - I
asked about
all the loop fork
specimen some I
think too dear E. G. baby once skulls. I wish you could come down and see them yourself. For I don’t know enough about these things to be able to recommend any action. The elephant skulls is very fine but there is a little crunching on the upper back part where the bone is thin. W. offers the lot at $750.00 Or perhaps at the prices I give you. Let me know your wish as W. is impatient to turn them into money. You sincerely Geo Budtlo.
List of Skulls with descriptions and prices:

- Elephant skull with long tusk, all the tusk perfect, cleaned: $10.00
- Hippopotamus skull three of the long upper teeth one of the rest perfect slight mark of tusk over left eye not entirely cleaned: $5.00
- Skull of black rhinoceros: $2.00
- Skull of warthog one perfect except a chip from the base of the skull which 10 days he has, the other with severe frost, broken or lost: $20.00
- Skull of Babirussa cleaned fine teeth but front tusk in somewhat deteriorated condition @ .70 = $20.00
- European wild boar tusk and some of upper tusk: $3.00
Complete skeleton of African Porcupine $20. Curious lizard about 15 inches in length with a stumpy tail as thick as its body but only three inches long, the whole animal covered with diamond shaped scales stuffed $2.00.

Other lizards shaped more like alligators (while the preceding one has a short blunt head) but with out scales varying from 3 ft to 1 1/2 feet in length all three dollars each $9.00.

One skull of enormous Australian (2) flying squirrel 13 1/2 skulls of Japanese bats all large $4.00

2. Albatross Skull $1.50.
New York, Sept 7, 1872

My dear Professor,

Yours of the 31st ult reached me in good time and was duly attended to.

In accordance with your instructions I purchased for $15.00 the articles that you wanted. Packing and carriage amount to $3.70 more. I paid Wallace on Tuesday $156.70. This payment leaves you in my debt $129.80. The
articles were forwarded by boat on Thursday as you requested.
I have this day been received as a partner in the firm of Geo.
B. Connell & Co.
Let me hear from you occasionally.
Yours sincerely
Geoffrid Connell
I enclose Wallaces receipt.
file
New York, Aug 20th 1872

Mr. J. Wallis

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My dear Professor,

Your favor of 11th inst was duly met, and that I have not acknowledged it before owing to the illness of one of our clerks, which has kept me very busy as I had to do some of his work. Many thanks for the check for $140.00 this leaves a balance to your credit of $10.70. I will
end you my ask at the end of the year, which will give you a list of "some thing purchased by me for the museum."
I should like above all things to go with you this autumn but I hardly think I shall be able to do so. Let me know how you go before you start.

I don't know when I shall get up to New Haven for they work me pretty hard now. Let me know when you come to NY.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Geo. Bird Grinnell
My dear Professor,

Your Kind note dated 20th is at hand and gives me much pleasure in my mind. I stored up the suggestions that you made to me on Friday, and this morning on my down I stopped in at a manager and after introducing myself as your assistant I told the manager what I wanted. He was very polite to me, showed me
all his beasts and said free of charge, and said that he would be delighted to let me have such animals as dead, but that he could not do it without consulting the owner of the place who was not m at that time. He promised however to let me know immediately whether any objection was made or not. There is one slight difficulty about it, which however I think we can get over. They want all the skins for stuffing, and to stuff an animal nicely you have to keep the skull and leg bones. I intend to see a taxidermist today if possible, and I shall find out from him whether or not there is any way of getting around this. Mr. S. the manager, said he was sorry he had not known of this need of the museum earlier, as within a few weeks several rare animals, among them a zebra and a tapir, have died and been thrown away. I may be able to get some of the tapir for I have made enquiries and I think I can find his grave. I have also heard of a ship load of wild animals from Africa which is expected to arrive shortly. Among the larger beasts
are a giraffe and a rhinoceros. Many of the animals will of course die on the voyage and perhaps I shall be able to get some of them. Mr. L. says that two bears which are now in the menagerie, one white (U. maritimus) the other black (U. Americana), are expected to die within a week or two and I can probably get them anyhow. Your last letter was rather difficult to fill out but I will do what I can. The quadrupeds I can easily get in time, but I am rather doubtful about most of the
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Birds. Brant, Curlew, Godwit, Rail, Avocet and Coot are the only ones that I feel at all certain of obtaining. Still I will make every effort to get them all. I wish Professor that I could get all these things and make them free gifts to the college, but I cannot. The only thing that I can give is my time and labour. That I do most freely give and I beg you to call on me whenever you want anything done. I shall
work as hard as I can for the cause of science, in the hope that at some time I may be able to leave business, and devote myself wholly to the study of it.

I wish you would come down here so that I could get your verbal instruction. It would be very good if you could be on hand when the ship comes in. If you do come to the city don't fail to give me a call or better still spend a day or two at our house. In any event write me immediately giving instruction with regard to the prices which I must pay for such birds as geese, swans &c. What I pay in the market and a few charges for carriage &c will be the only expense I shall incur.

Pray excuse the haste in which I write.

Yours very sincerely

G. Birdie Grinnell.
My dear Professor,

I have succeeded in enlisting the sympathies of several very good men and hope soon to commence sending you some tokens of success. I have tried to get you a sea turtle but cannot find one as sweet as you want it. They average about 50 lbs.
I write now to ask you if you want the skeleton of a great macaw. I know where I can get one cleaned and dry all ready for articulating. If you want it let me know immediately. That shipload of animals has not yet got here. The machinery of the vessel got out of order and she had to return to sail. I expect her every day. Answer my question about the macaw immediately.

As please, as I must repeat for it within two or three days to get it.

Yours very sincerely,

[Signature: T. Bird Grinnell]
my dear Professor,

I shipped to you last night by Adams Express the skeletons of one polar bear complete except the claws, one Whiteheaded Eagle and one Macaw. The bear is as perfect as I could get him for the owner wanted to have the skin stuffed and mounted and so I could not get the claws. I am sorry to say that she is immature.
but as white bears are very rare here, I supposed that you would like it. I think that by careful handling it can be made a good skeleton. The Eagle is also a young one, how young I do not know but the fact of his not having attained his full plumage does not prove him to be less than 6 or 8 years old. Indeed Audubon speaks of one which did not get the white head and tail until he was eight or nine years old.

The great Macaw was tough from Panama I believe thought I cannot be certain as it was difficult to obtain any definite information from the man who sold it to me.

Please let me know whether these things suit you. It is rather difficult for me to tell exactly what you want without particular directions.

I went to Troy with Jim a week ago to day and spent Sunday with Johnnie Griswold.
He was glad to see us and we had a good time. Please let me know from time to time how the museum gets along and what new specimens you get. I have got right in with Wallace and I believe that if any one can get anything out of him I can.

I marked the box Yale College Museum; was that right?

Yours affly

Geo Reid Grinnell

Prof O.C. Marsh
My dear Professor,

I have just about time to apologize to you for not answering your note sooner and to tell you that I have not been altogether idle since I saw you last. I have secured the skull of a female moose perfect with the exception of one of the lower molar...
and a little smash on
the top of the snout, also
the thin bones of a giraffe.
The grass skulls are
of different species and
Wallace values the larger
one at ten dollars and
the smaller one at eight.
I tell I take either of
them? I am anxious
to hear more particular
about this summer's trip.
How do things stand so far?

Johnnie Greiwold
has been down here
for a day or two and
it is very anxious to get
out again but seems
to think that it will be
impossible to get away.

Yours sincerely
Geo Bird Ginnell
My dear Professor,

I have this morning attended to the shipping to C. B. M. one South American boa and one snowy owl. I shall also send in a day or two the complete skeleton of a Kangaroo. The latter and the snake died in Barnum's show last week and we were so lucky
as to secure them. The box will come in very well just at this time. I should imagine Barnum has another one much larger than this one, which is only about eight feet long; do you want that one if it dies?

The Kangaroo is a female and about 6 feet long the male, Wallace thinks will die soon but he must go to Baird. By the way

Wallace asked me to request you to be very careful about saying anything to Baird about him for B. thinks that he gets everything that Wallace has and he would hurt Wallace if he were to find it out. The Kangaroo made and only I will pay for and you can settle with me afterwards. Let me hear from you as often as convenient.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]
My dear Professor,

Your favour enclosing a slip of proof sheet from the Journal of Science was duly received, but I have been prevented by a heavy pressure of business from answering as soon as I should have done. Many thanks for the honor you have done me. I have shown the description of Crocodiles Grinnelli, to several of my friends and they look on me now as one of the greatest of created men.
I am still on the look out for specimens but have lately seen nothing worth having. I paid Wallace yesterday thirty dollars ($30.) for the last shipment viz. Kangaroo $15.00, boa $2.00, alligator $12.00, snowy owl $1.00.

While at Wallaces I met Prof. Ward of Rochester and had quite a talk with him. He purchased the buffalo skeleton that Wallace offered to you because it had only six cervical vertebrae. They had never been divided so none could have been lost, but there were only $4. I have not forgotten the chimpanzee skeleton.

Let me hear from you soon. How about the trip, when do you start? Very,

Yours very sincerely

[Signature]
My dear Professor,

Your favour of the 31st ult. containing check for thirty five dollars ($35.) came duly to hand.

The amount due me was $30. as per list I sent you viz: one Kangaroo $15. one owl $1.
one boa constrictor $2. one crocodile $12. foot up $30. The balance $5. I hold as you suggested for future purchases.

I fear that Pap
Goodwin will go off the books pretty soon, he has been drinking as hard as ever, since he got home. Wouldn't it be a good idea for you to make a strong effort to see him. He is wealthy, liberal and although so illiterate himself he has a great respect for learning. You could at least get a handsome subscription to your expeditions out of him. Governor Godwin was no town yesterday and is probably still here. Let me congratulate you on your success with regard to C. P. Dancer. Did yourself in the toy "forgetting what you want. I have been rather busy this week and have not had time to go to Wallace's but will do so today or tomorrow. Don't be afraid that I shall forget the interest of the Yale Coll. Mess. I long to accompany you.
on some of your trips, but as yet I cannot tell how I shall be situated this summer. Don't fail to send me the papers you speak of. Let me hear from you soon and give me what particular you can with regard to the trip.

Yours sincerely,

Geo. Bird Connell
My dear Professor,

By good luck I got hold of the owner of the chimpanzee bones, this morning—Wallace had offered to buy them but Capt Browne refused to sell them—I got at him and after begging him awhile he said he would sell the skeleton if he could get enough for it.
would not get a price, but said that I could make him an offer. I am to see him to-morrow and look at the bones to see how perfect they are. Send me a note or a despatch to the office before three o'clock to-morrow stating what is the most you will give. Of course I shall get it as cheap as I can but I want to know how high I can go. Capt B. tells me that it is perfect except the carotid (?) of the breast bone - how many vessels ought the thing to have? If you can write in time, let me have some hints about the bones, what are the most important ones to re

Yours most sincerely

Geo Reid Lunnell

Did you receive the equivalent? I sent it by McKeen -
Office of GEO. B. GRINNELL & CO.
36 Broad Street,

New York, June 16th, 1871

My dear Professor,

Yours of the 14th is at hand, I forwarded to you this A.M. the skeleton of the chimpanzee, as called. From what I can gather, I think it more likely that it is the nekide (or nekhee) mbentou. It was shot by the natives near Gaboon, Equatorial Africa and obtained from
them by Capt Brown, U.S. Consul to Labrador, and from whom I purchased it for thirty dollars. It is not altogether perfect as four molars are missing from the lower jaw, the three lower molar are gone and I could only count twenty eight vertebra. I hope that you will be satisfied with the purchase. If you are not you can return it to me and I will either keep it or sell it to Ward who has been trying to get it for the last six months. One of the incisors which was very loose I wrapped in paper and put in the skull. Thanks to your teaching it is pretty well packed and I have no fear of its breaking. I think you will find everything there but those...
I have mentioned the bones that I have mentioned. Please write me immediately how you are suited with it and whether you will keep it or not. Yours very sincerely,

Geo. Bird Grinnell

I shall be in N.H. on Thursday morning. Do you leave before that time? Jack Enswoold was down here yesterday.

Bird
New York, Jan 71 1872

My dear Professor,

The week ago last but I forwarded it to you a large "Flying Fox." I think Paropsia ontariensis. I paid $10.00 for it which I thought was a large price, but as I had to decide at once I thought best to