

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

Yours sincerely
Geo. Bird Grinnell
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
Pecary skulls of Americans
alligators &c. -

Office of GEO. B. GRINNELL & CO.

36 Broad Street,

New York, May 7 1872

My dear Professor,

Your
favour of the 24th ult.
came duly to hand and
should have been answered
before - Pray ~~excuse~~^{pardon} 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 name of
those birds, so that unless
I have an ornithological
work containing all
the rasorial birds
in existence I do not
know how to go to work
to discover the species.

It was blackish brown
in colour, the upper parts
glossy and changeable
a tan patch under the
throat was scarlet.

The caribou skull
will have to satisfy
you until next

fall when I hope
to get you a male
& female moose &
male & female caribou.
I have a coyote skeleton
perfect, at \$10.00 also
a very rare monkey,
black, about 3 1/2 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.

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Shall I get it? Please
let me know immediately
You must be mistaken
about the Honduras
wild Turkey - Wallace
has had several skins
of melagris, mexicana
to put up for Baird,
but ^{Wallace} he says he has never
seen a specimen
of M. ocellata -

Let me hear from
you soon -

Yours sincerely
Geo Bird Murray

OFFICE OF GEO. B. GRINNELL & CO.

36 Broad Street,

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
bone except that the
pubic bones are badly
broken - W. has saved

all the pieces however.
The teeth 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*
niger) and is the first
as far as known,
ever brought to this
country. A work on
the quadrumana that
I consult says that
there is but one specimen
in Europe. Its price

is \$10.⁰⁰ - Coyote \$10.⁰⁰
Monkey 10.⁰⁰
Kangaroo 25.⁰⁰
\$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 \$2000.⁰⁰
when alive - I hope
you will like him.

You may not have noticed that the specimens lately sent have been cleaned, but ever since 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 Wallace. Many thanks for the Buffalo head and the information with regard to book. Let me know about Kangaroo.

Yours sincerely

Fred. Bird Snr

When you come down I want you to arrange to spend a night with me. S.

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OFFICE OF GEO. B. GRINNELL & CO.

36 Broad Street,

New York, May 25th 1872

My dear Sir

Have to

acknowledge and
thank you for a
splendid Buffalo
head - an evidence

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,
J. Russell

Prof. C. Marsh

OFFICE OF GEO. B. GRINNELL & CO.

36 Broad Street,

New York, June 13th 1872

My dear Professor, On my
arrival here yesterday
I made enquiries concern-
ing the Amiable ~~Man~~
Grisman and I find
out first, that he is
a swindler, if not a profession-
al, at least an habitual
swindler. He has cheated
Wallace, John Krider
and several other men.
I fear that your fork

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 you
when he heard that
you had had dealings
with him. For further
particulars I refer
you to Mr Hoops (?)
of the Acad. Nat. Science

Phila. You have
a credit balance
with me of \$26.90.
The Buffalo heads
were six dollars apiece
the shields on which
they were mounted
costing four twenty
for a piece. I hope
you may make some-
thing out of Griesman
but I fancy he

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is rather a slippery
customer - Let
me know when
you are coming
in town -

Yours sincerely
Geo Bird Green

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OFFICE OF GEO. B. GRINNELL & CO.

36 Broad Street,

New York, Aug 20 1872

My dear Professor

I write
you hastily to inform
you that Wallace
has returned from
England & has brought
some nice skulls.
He has one Elephant
one hippopotamus
one black rhinoceros
Two warthogs two
tabyrrouca (?) complete
skull of African
porcupine, several lizard
&c &c - Do you want any
of them? Wallace

needs money and
will sell them to
hard unless he hears
from you soon -
I think that I may
buy some of the
things for you on
my own responsibility
Let me hear from
you soon. -

Yours sincerely
Bro Bird Grinnell

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OFFICE OF GEO. B. GRINNELL & CO.

36 Broad Street,

New York, Aug 22 1872

My dear Professor

Your
despatch and letter
of the 21st inst are
at hand. I returned
from my buffalo hunt
well pleased with
the trip reaching N.Y.
Sunday last. We
(Jim Russell & myself)
had a glorious time.
We started from Plum
Creek with Late North

the Majors brother, caught
the Pawnees over on
Braun had two or three
good hunks with
them, killed a few
buffalos ourselves
& returned, I having
been gone only fifteen
days from N.Y. We
saw the Major for a
few minutes. He seemed
glad to see us and
asked about
all the Soup Fork

party. Lute North
is a splendid fellow
and I don't know whether
I like him or his bro
fest. We were with Bill
Cody a day and night
in which he got tight
himself and made
Jim so drunk that
it took both Lute &
myself to hold him
on his horse. Altogether
we had a good time
so good that I would
like to repeat it - I
enclose list of Wallace's
specimens. Some I

think too dear. e.g. babby
- ronsa 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
skull is very fine
but there is a little
crushing on the upper
back part where the
bone is thin - W. offers
the lot at \$775.⁰⁰ Or singly
at the prices I give you. Let
me know your will as W. is
impatient to turn them into money
Yrs sincerely Geo Bird Green

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List of skulls with
descriptions and
prices.

Elephant skull with long
tusks, all the teeth perfect,
cleaned \$75.00

Hippopotamus skull, three
of the long upper teeth gone
the rest perfect slight
mark of fall over left
eye not entirely cleaned \$50.00

Skull of black rhinoceros \$25.00

2 skulls of warthogs one perfect
except a chip from the base
of the skull which W. says
he has, the other with several
teeth broken or lost @ \$10.00 = \$20.00

2 skulls of Babymusa cleaned
fine tusks but front teeth in
somewhat deteriorated
condition @ \$10.00 = \$20.00

Skull
European wild boar tusks and
some of upper teeth gone ^{large.} \$3.00

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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 \$25.00
3 other lizards shaped
more like alligators
(while the preceding
one has a short blunt
head) but without
scales & varying from
3 ft to 1 1/2 feet in length
at three dollars each \$9.00
One skull of enormous
australian (?) flying squirrel
+ 3 skulls of So Am. bats all
large @ \$1.00 4.00
2 Albatross skulls @ \$1.00 2.00

OFFICE OF GEO. B. GRINNELL & CO.,

36 Broad Street,

New York, Sept 2 1872

My dear Professor

Yours of

the 23rd ult reached
me in good time and
was duly attended to.
In accordance with
your instructions I
purchased for \$153.⁰⁰
the articles that you
wanted. Packing and
cartage amount to \$3.⁷⁰
more. I paid Wallace
on Friday \$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. Grinnell & Co.

Let me hear from

you occasionally.

Yours sincerely

Geo. Bird Grinnell

I enclose Wallace's receipt
bill

New York,

Aug 20th 1872

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Mr J Waller

All Orders Promptly
Attended to
Boxes of all Size on
hand
and made to order.

To CORBETT & CLEMONS, Dr.

STEAM

Packing Box & Case Manufacturers,

45 & 47 ANN STREET.

One Box

\$ 2.70

OFFICE OF GEO. B. GRINNELL & CO.

36 Broad Street,

New York, Sept 17 1872

My dear Professor,

Your favor of 11th inst was duly rec^d and that I have not acknowledged it before is 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 \$10.²⁰/₁₀₀ - I will

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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 N.Y.

send you my acc at
the end of the year,
which will give you
a list of every thing
purchased by me
for the museum.

I should like to ~~take~~
all things to go west
with you this autumn
but I hardly think
I shall be able to do
so. Let me know
however before you
start -

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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 N.Y.

Yours sincerely
Geo Bird Grinnell

New York, Feb'y 20th 1871

My dear Professor,

Your kind
note dated 20th is at hand
and gives me much pleasure.

I stored up ^{in my mind} the suggestions
that you made to me on
Friday, and this morning
on my ^{way} down I stopped in at
a manager's and after intro-
ducing myself as your
assistant I told the manager
what I wanted. He was
very polite to me, showed me

all his beasts and birds free
of charge, and said that he
would be delighted to let me
have such animals as died,
but that he could not do it
without consulting the owner
of the place who was not
in 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 & the leg bones.
~~I intend~~ I intend to see a taxidermist, today
if possible, and I shall find

out from him whether or no there
is any way of getting around
this. Mr L. 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. Americanus?) are expected
to die within a week or two
and I can probably get them
anyhow. Your list looks
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 any thing 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 instructions.
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 cartage
&c will be the only expense
I shall incur.

Pray excuse the haste in which
I write

Yours very sincerely
G. Birdie Grinnell.

OFFICE OF GEO. B. GRINNELL & CO.

36 Broad Street,

New York, March 7th 1871

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 small
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 ship load of animals
has not yet got here. The
machinery of the vessel
got out of order and she
had to trust to sails. I
expect her every day.

Answer my question
about the macaw immediate

ly please, as I must speak
for it within two or three
days to get it.

Yours very sincerely
Geo Bird Grinnell

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OFFICE OF GEO. B. GRINNELL & CO.

36 Broad Street,

New York, March 11th 1871

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 ^(or he) 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 5 or 6 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 brought from Panama I believe though I can not 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.

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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 afftly

Geo Bird Grinnell

Prof O.C. Marsh

OFFICE OF GEO. B. GRINNELL & CO.

36 Broad Street,

New York, Apr 4th 1871

My dear Professor,

I have just about time to apologise 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 incisors.

and a little smask on
the top of the snout, also
the shin bones of a giraffe.
The gnaw skulls are
of different species and
Wallace values the larger
one at ten dollars and
the smaller one at eight.
Shall I take either of
them? I am anxious
to hear more particular
about this summers trip.
How do things stand so far?

Johnnie Greivold
has been down here
for a day or two and
is very anxious to get
out again but seems
to think that it will be
impossible to get away.
Let me hear from you
soon

Yours sincerely
Geo Bird Grinnell

OFFICE OF GEO. B. GRINNELL & CO.

36 Broad Street,

New York, May 1st 1871

My dear Professor,

I have this morning attended to the shipping to Y. C. 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 any
thing to Baird about him
for B. thinks that he gets
every thing that Wallace
has and he would hurt
Wallace if he were to find
it ^{all} out. The Kangaroo snake
and only I will pay for and
you can settle with me
afterwards.

Let me hear from you as
often as convenient.

Yours sincerely

Geo. Bird Grinnell

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OFFICE OF GEO. B. GRINNELL & CO.

36 Broad Street,

New York, May 24th 1871

My dear Professor,

Your favour

inclosing 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
honour you have done me. I have
shown the description of Crocodilus
Grinnelli, to several of my friends
and they look on me now
as one of the greatest of
created men -

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I am still on the lookout
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 Wallace's 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

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had never been divided
so none could have been
lost - but there were only
six - I have not forgotten
the chimpanzee skeleton.

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

Yours very sincerely

Geo. Bird Grinnell

OFFICE OF GEO. B. GRINNELL & CO.

36 Broad Street,

New York, June 1st 1871

My dear Professor,
Your favour
of the 31st ult. containing
check for thirty five dollars
(\$35-) came duly to hand.

The amt. due me was
\$30. as per list I sent you,
viz: one Kangaroo \$15. one owl
one boa constrictor \$2. one crocodile
\$12- foots up \$30- The balance
\$5- I hold as you suggested
for future purchases.
I fear that Pap

Goodwin will go off the
hook 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 you expd
out of him. Governor Goodwin

was in town yesterday and
is probably still here.
Let me congratulate you
on your success with
regard to C. P. passes. "Ib"
yourself is the boy "for getting
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
to-morrow. Don't be afraid
that I shall forget the interests
of the Yale Coll. - Mrs.

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 particulars you can
with regard to the trip -

Yours sincerely

Geo. B. Innell

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OFFICE OF GEO. B. GRINNELL & CO.

36 Broad Street,

New York, June 13th 1871

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 ^{had} refused to
sell them - I got at him
and after buzzing him awhile
he said he would sell
the skeleton if he could
get enough for it - He

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would not set 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
cartilages (?) of the breast
bone - How many vertebrae
ought the thing to have?
If you can write in
time, let me have some
hints about the bones,
what are the most impor-
ones &c &c

Yours most sincerely

Geo Bird Guinness

Did you receive the
squirrel skull? I sent
it by Wilestine -
B.

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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,
so called. From what I can
gather I think it more
likely that it is the neishgo
(or nsheigo) mbonvé. It
was shot by the natives
near Gaboon, Equatorial
Africa and obtained from

them by Capt Browne
U.S. Consul to Laboon
~~and~~ from whom I
purchased it for thirty
dollars \$30. It is not
altogether perfect as four
molars are missing from
the lower jaw, the knee
pans are gone and I
could only count twenty
eight vertebrae. 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 every
thing there but those

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
Griswold was down here
yesterday.

Bird -

OFFICE OF GEO. B. GRINNELL & CO.,

36 Broad Street,

New York, Jan'y 21 1872

My dear Professor,

One
week ago last Sat
I forwarded to you
a large "flying fox,"
I think *Pteropus*
subricollis. 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