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My dear sir

Mr J. H. Street and my-  
self are at present engaged in  
looking over the collection of bird  
skeletons in the Museum of the Academy.  
Knowing of your interest in the subject  
of fossil ornithine osteology I would  
ask of you in what direction is it  
probable that our labors will prove  
most profitable. The collection is  
made up of varied forms from  
Java, Borneo, Australia, South America  
& Europe. The passerines are largely rep-  
resented. A full manuscript cat-  
alogue is at hand, & that <sup>it is possible that a</sup> ~~any~~ <sup>you</sup> ~~you~~  
you may be anxious to know of, may  
be <sup>found</sup> ~~in~~ our list. I should be happy  
to draw up any notes for you - if you

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indicate in what direction you desire  
them.

Very Respectfully yours  
Harrison Allen

Prof. O. G. Marsh

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Prof O. A. Marsh

My dear Sir

The box  
came to hand. I find  
a number of fine specimens  
of Triballonura. May I  
ask the favor to dissect one or  
two of these (the collection con-  
tains some 20) - and to retain  
one for my own suite. —

Also may I ask the favor  
of dissecting the fine specimen  
of Lysoper? - Please understand  
that I will not in anyway injure  
the skeleton, except in the instance  
of Triballonura where I would like  
to make a ant. post. section of skull.

Yours

Yours sincerely  
H. Allen