

St Louis, Sept 20/79.

My dear Prof.

I have yours

of 17th

I know Kumbach
very well. He is a
nice little fellow and
under personal obligations to me. He is

"chafeur" of science (like
Salpêtré) and sticks
to an integrity of ex-
periment like ours, but
I wish to what material
man can give you.

I may not see him.

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for a day or two, and
I write now to let
you know that I am
"in the workshop", and
passing your day with
delight although my
affairs are busy.

Yours sincerely
R. R. R.

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Dear Prof.

after many trials
I have found Dr. Hambaek
to see the bird. The
specimen seems to me to
be most interesting &
I wish you could get it.
The Doctor is a very poor
man & has a hard
struggle to make enough
to give him the necessaries
of life and frankly told
me that he could not afford
to give the specimen to you
tho he would much like
to do so - He will not get

all be cum [2] for it and 139.16
unpressed. with the idea
that it is very valuable.

The fact is well shown
and pattern of the lower part
of the vertebra - the bones are
present in the slab, it
is not altogether an im-
pression, tho' some of the
bones are missing. The
vertebra of the neck is
exposed for half its length,
the remainder, with a por-
tion of the skull, is im-
bedded in the slab. The
Dr. has merely abstained
from attempting to remove
it. The bill may be turned
under, on one side, and
preserved, but it looks as
if it was missing altogether.

[3] The bones answering to the upper forearm ⁽³⁹¹⁷⁾
are well preserved, the joints prominent
and one of the finger like processes
at the end is indicated - These wings
seem to be abnormally large. The bone
answering to the forearm being upwards
of 2 inches while the body seems to be
ditto large than a Canary bird. -

The doctor says that he must have
\$100. for the specimen - He is a very
good geologist and knows the value
of ordinary specimens but I, of course,
can give you no light upon the value
of this -

[4] I endeavored to induce him to
sell it on my own inspection but he
declines - He has offered it to me
after I prefer you to have it, but must
realize all he can for it. ⁽³⁹¹⁸⁾

This is a fearfully long story, but
I supposed you wanted the specimen
and would be glad to know as much
about it as possible.

The localities from which it was taken
is well known to D.H.

I await your further advice, I am
as ever yours truly
W.H. Peck