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^[[Ridgeway]]  
^[[Prof Baird]]  
^[[Curator Report]]

Washington, September 23, 1884.

G. Brown Goode, Esq.,  
Assistant Director,  
U. S. National Museum.

^[[The modified plan seems to be an excellent one GBG]]

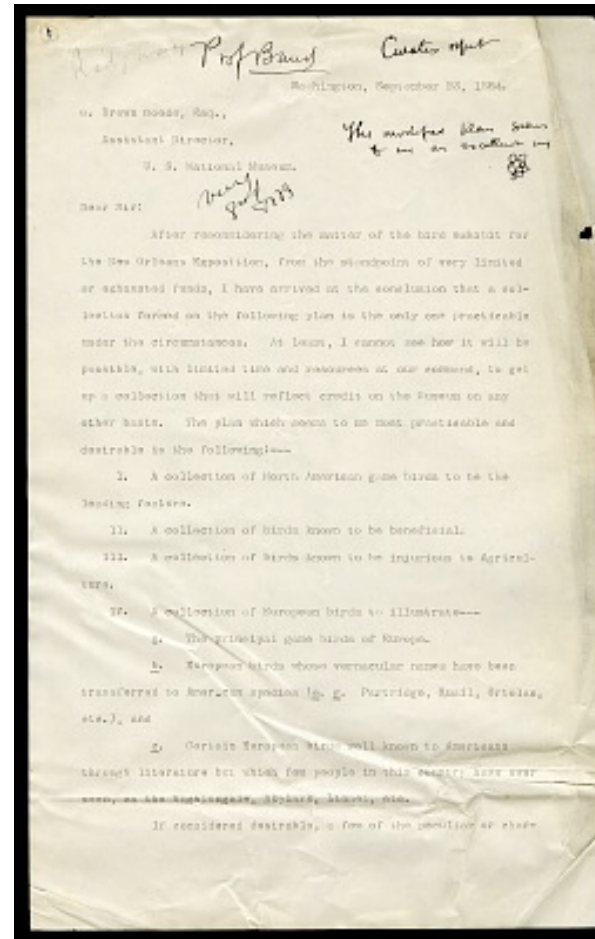
^[[Very good SFB]]

Dear Sir:

After reconsidering the matter of the bird exhibit for the New Orleans Exposition, from the standpoint of very limited or exhausted funds, I have arrived at the conclusion that a collection formed on the following plan is the only one practicable under the circumstances. At least, I cannot see how it will be possible, with limited time and resources at our command, to get up a collection that will reflect credit on the Museum on any other basis. The plan which seems to me most practicable and desirable is the following:--

- I. A collection of North American game birds to be the leading feature.
- II. A collection of birds known to be beneficial.
- III. A collection of birds known to be injurious to Agriculture.
- IV. A collection of European birds to illustrate--
  - a. The principal game birds of Europe.
  - b. European birds whose vernacular names have been transferred to American species (e.g. Partridge, Quail, Ortolan, etc.), and
  - c. Certain European birds well known to Americans through literature but which few people in this country have ever seen, as the Nightingale, Skylark, Linnet, etc.

If considered desirable, a few of the peculiar or char-



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