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SPENCER F. BAIRD,  
SECRETARY.

Washington D.C. Oct. 26, 1885.

Dear Dr. Gray:

I am glad to know that you have made such progress with your book, and trust that you may complete not only this but a great many additional portions of the Opus Magnum. By all means prepare the index and list of genera for the supplemental portion. As soon as I have from you the expression of a



desire, on the part of the persons interested, for the use of the steel plates of the Mexican Boundary Survey, I will ask permission from the Public Printer to use them. Possibly the printing might be done by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing here at moderate cost. In this event, paper of such character as may be desired should be furnished. I presume, however, that with a sufficient guaranty — possibly a money deposit —



there would be no  
difficulty in letting  
them go to St. Louis!

Yours truly,  
WV Baird

Dr Asa Gray,  
Cambridge,  
Mass.



Baird, Spencer Fullerton. 1885. "Baird, Spencer F. Oct. 26, 1885." *Spencer Fullerton Baird letters to Asa Gray*

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