

Cambridge, Nov. 19. '52

My dear Mr. Wright,

I got a letter from
Prof. Baird along with yours today.
The quantity of paper to be taken
depends very much on circumstances.
It will be well to carry as much as
they will let you - And of your former
size - In quality something like what
you have used before, pretty strong -
If the Expedition sails from New York
it would be better to get it there - or
we can get it here when you come on,
& here you can make 3 more port-
folios, & have some stout boards
bound with leather for presses with
straps - Have portfolios enough to

furnish them to officers to collect
as they have opportunity - Say,
have four such presses with straps -
You had better ask for permission
to spend, say at the outside, \$5.00
in paper & apparatus for collecting.
And while here make the
preparations & I can give you
many hints -

For books, ask for DC.'s Prodrromus
13. volumes, say \$4.00, Endlicher's
Gen. say \$1.50, Botany of Beechey's
Voyage, say \$2.50, & Botany of the
Voyage of the Herald what is out,
say \$1.00 - That is enough - Ask
for permission to get these -
I have mentioned the cost
roughly - You have DC. ready,

Doney has Beechey duplicate,
the others you must get as well
as you can -

I have to write to Smithsonian
some suggestions & instructions
for you - So out of these hints
you can make an answer to
Baird's letter very well -

In great haste,

Yours truly,

A. G.



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