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Dear Gray At last I send you the labels - now about the printing -
The following are my views subject however to your better experience
in these matters - The MSS. gives the arrangement of the several parts
of each label, about as I think it should be in the printing - generally
I like to see the author immediately attached to the species but in this case
I found it more convenient to follow on other plan. - I send a piece
of Webb's New Hispan. for reference to its type some of which are pretty near
I think what we want. - For instance as the names of the maps & the
abbreviation "Habit" be in Capitals as at A - the synonyms descriptions remarks
& habits have a type as at B - authors, Books, places, mountains, towns, rivers,
all underscored words, in an italic letter size of the last (B). - The general type
of your Most. Lindk. is much the same as that at B, but the capitals for
the species are not large & heavy enough ^{for} this purpose. - The letterpress
must be $3\frac{1}{2}$ (three & a half) inches wide is horizontally as in the MSS (the cords on
which the maps are fastened, require this, they being $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches wide) and in length
whatever is necessary, leaving a margin of $\frac{1}{2}$ inch all round. - Suppose you
have two or three labels set up in different styles, also the title page, & sent to me
immediately - I think the labels should be printed on paper of a slight bluish tinge
(say something like the paper I am writing on) - My reason for this is that a very pure white
would impoverish, or produce an unfavorable contrast against, that in which the maps
are placed (I send a piece of that paper, a cord) -

The paper for the title page & index must be $11\frac{1}{4}$ inches that is fourteen and
a half inches long, and eleven inches wide (horizontally) - this must be thick, white, and of a
very good quality, if not prepared the better - you see by the dimensions $11\frac{1}{4}$ the Books
I use are larger than those of Encyclopaedia or Maynard & Nestler - I found I could not
set a set into two of these sized vols. without making them too thick - the size
I adopt gives a thinner vol. a more symmetrical arrangement of the specimens, &c. &c.
This is all I can say as to the style of the printing until I hear

from you & see some samples of the type work, you can have done them. —

In preparing the labels I have made it a point after giving the species & author to refer only to a good description & figure, no additional references or remarks are made unless to convey something either new or very little known — species peculiar to N. Am. have had as they required more attention than others. — I have scrawled off in another paper a parcel of rambling remarks explaining of divers matters & things about the maps & labels, that otherwise you might not understand, except at an expense of more time & labor than you can probably afford. —

As to the Habitats where no special locality is assigned, the map is to be considered common along our coast as indicated in the title page. — This prevents a tiresome repetition. Virginia! Carolina! &c. &c.

There will be 55 sets of two Vols each 50 of these pretty complete — I shall then want (allowing for accidents &c.) 60 title pages for Vol. I. — and 60 for Vol. II. and 60 Indexes — Have 75 sets of labels printed, the extra number I may want in other occasions — after the above is printed I want the labels thrown into ordinary pamphlet form, paged, & with another title page (see another paper) — This I suppose can be done by removing the spacing between the labels without any other alteration — The index too must be reduced in size & prepared — If these pamphlets have 7 or 80 struck off. — There are persons to whom the "Enumeration" might be sent without the specimens. — Examined the

Labels closely & give me your corrections amendments remarks &c. The Books are all ready & the specimens being put down — I shall send you some copies in Sep. & have a list after I get the labels — We have now a good express line from here to Buffalo & there & say the Wells & Livingston this will do for the Books — But we will stick to the mail for the labels &c. — Hope you'll drive on the printing — I am most anxious to get the job off my hands — Let me hear from you very soon

Most cordially Yrs for

Wm. Schellbourn

P.S. The cost of paper printing &c. I will pay upon presentation of acct. — have it well done W.S.S.

Read a letter from Osborn, the other day says the Borg of Linné arrived safe — highly pleased with them — will not be able to furnish me a list for a year yet

As to a paper for some general I can do nothing just now — But hope to dish up several things of that sort this winter.

Let's class & for our own convenience...
The books are all ready & the...
first class - I have been...
book after the last - we have...
in the house to...
the will be for the...
for the last...
printing - I am...
but we have...
to a...
Wm. B. ...

Dr. J. A. ...

Letter



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