Dear Brunei,

Your resignation was handed in at the meeting before the last, and a resolution passed thanking you for your past services. I then appointed Brown provisionally, and at the last meeting the appointment was made permanent. Brown also will communicate with you soon, sending you the report of the work of the Council. Tony has one or two small but interesting, before his eyes, that everything was all right.

With regard to my own matters, I would say that if you have...
my best wishes about a change of residence, so far as I know now, there is no reason why you should not be carried out abroad or visas within your means. I say this in alltnce to a remark you made when I saw you last at my home, and I hope it will not seem mysterious.

Yours very truly,

Phineas T. Barnum

Aug 16, 13.
My dear Brewster,

I have been very much concerned by the mistake that resulted in giving Maynard the impression of the lost issue of Wilson's descriptions. That I was aware that such specimens were in this collection, and had given this information to the Batchelders, etc., I doubt if he had contact with the Bates when he went with Maynard. I am quite convinced that his supposed valueless collection of bird's feet is not true. I hope it is not true, that you feel disinclined to let me have these birds back again for small reasons. In the first place, it is doing our little injur...
Batchelder's own reputation and ideas, making so that the society's reputation is in jeopardy. I know how much it hurts to see and how damaging they may be if they happen to reach the ears of the wrong people. I have waited, hoping the Batchelder would do something. Now I have become aware that something must be done. It is practically certain.

If we are not able to get the birds back, I shall see my diocese, as I shall come my disagreeable experiences. The kindness of which will fall upon hearing on the society then on the Batchelder. He is to see you about this matter on Sunday. I send you this by messenger in order that you may be sure to get it. Yours cordially,

Alphonso Hyde
Dear Brewster,

I enclose a formal note such as you request but perhaps not exactly in the way which you expected it to come. I thought it would be better to leave the matter of the exact provision for the preservation, etc., open for us to talk over, because we have a way of disposing of types that we now have, and it would be better perhaps, if you liked, to do the same with Wilson's types, but we are prepared of course to do anything that you require; and under the circumstances it seemed to me best simply to treat you as a donor whose gift was conditioned upon our taking such measures for the preservation of the birds as will meet with his approval. I hope you will be able with this and Mr. Batchelder's addition to send
an order to your man in Cambridge to deliver up the birds, and notify us that you have done so. I will then send an accredited person to Cambridge to get them, and stop, if possible, this storm of accusation.

Yours cordially,

Alpheus H. Stoddard

Dictated.
William Brewster, Esq.,

Dear Sir,

I thank you in the Society's name for your proposed gift of the fifteen birds supposed to be Wilson's types, and desire to add, in reply to your propositions for their preservation, that we agree to take measures for their storage and preservation which shall be approved by you, the approval to be considered a necessary part of the donation. Mr. Batchelder, who is present and has seen this letter, agrees to make a settlement with you which shall be satisfactory to you.

Yours respectfully,

Alpheus Hyatt
Curator.
William Brewster Esq.

Dear Sir,

I thank you for the Society's offer for your proposed gift of the Wilson birds, and desire to add in reply to your proposal for their preservation. That we agree to take measures for their storage and preservation, which shall be as complete and as permanent as may be. This proposal, if approved by you, and is further agreed to and has been that of the Board, is presented to the Trustees for their recommendation. The offer is subject to such conditions as shall be satisfactory to you.

Yours respectfully,

Alpheus Hyatt,

Hon. Pres.
My dear Brewster,

I have just received your two communications and feel that the matter cannot pass over without further acknowledgment. I feel deeply obliged to you for your remarkably generous conduct in this matter, and shall be only too glad if some day you give me the opportunity to return the obligation. I entirely agree with you that the dismounting of the birds would perhaps more or less do away with the evidence of their being Wilson's types, and I shall be extremely careful not to do anything with them which you do not first approve of. I shall take your letter as a guide with regard to what to do. You may rest assured that they shall not be dismounted or the present condition interfered with until you have been noti-
fied. I shall send out Mr. Sornborger within a few days to pack them up and bring them in. Mr. Sornborger has been out to Maynard's and I have retained the refusal of all the collection now remaining in his hands. I have also taken other measures to ascertain if there are any further types in this collection.

Hoping that you will recover your health,

I remain,

Yours very cordially,

[Signature]

Dictated.