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Office of the Director.

St. Louis, Mo.

Sept. 17, 1908.

Dear Professor Saccardo:

I do not wonder at your continued impatience over the delays in the publication of Vol. 5, of the Alaska series of books resulting from the Harriman Alaska Expedition. I finally got and promptly read the proofs of the volume in the early spring, and within the last three weeks have seen proofs from the electrotypes, from which I have made an index for the volume. I was promised in the spring that the book should be issued in the early fall, and can see no present reason why it should not be out within a month or a little more, - though as has been the case ever since I placed the fungus manuscript in the hands of the editor, nearly two years ago, I have only his assurance to go on that this will be so. I can not tell you any more earnestly and sincerely than I have already done on one or two earlier occasions, how sincerely I regret the long delays to which your diagnoses have been subjected, - and yet I feel certain that you will agree with me that to redescribe the species elsewhere on the eve of their publication in the manner originally contemplated will neither serve the ends of science nor result in other than an unpleasant episode, from which neither of us, - nor any other person, - can derive good.

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While I now confidently hope that the paper will be in your hands in time for the purposes of the next volume of the SYLLOGE, I trust, therefore, that even if we are again subjected to delays you will continue to exercise the patience that you have so long practiced, and await its appearance before publishing the species elsewhere, - and I am earnestly in the hope that you will believe me in the renewed assurance that at no time have the delays been due to my own negligence, or subject to my control in any way.

While on this subject, may I mention one fact that I am sure has escaped your notice? When sending the material you may recall that I wrote that all of the specimens of each of the species sent ^{here} ~~was~~ sent you, and I asked if you would not be kind enough to return it to me, after retaining for your own collection a part of any specimens that were ample enough to bear division. You were good enough to send me fragments of the new species included in your first list, but not of those that had been earlier named, and of the later sending you did not return anything. May I not hope that at your convenience you will give me representatives of these? I shall be most sincerely disappointed if, after the pains of collecting them,

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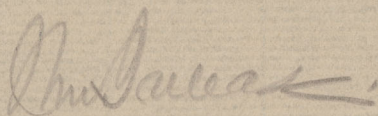
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I am not to have even fragments for preservation, and I am sure you will agree with me that it will be a misfortune to our science if as future workers go over the cryptogams of Alaska, they fail to find in our herbarium here specimens of the collections on which the records rest.

Once more assuring you of my sincere regard, and of the annoyance that these continued delays in the publication of the cryptogamic volume cause me, I am

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dr. J. H. Rose", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.