

SPENCER F. BAIRD,
Commissioner.

United States Commission, Fish and Fisheries,

Washington, D.C. July 27, 1880.

Dear Mr. Marsh,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 7th of July, & shall at once carry out your suggestion of asking the State Department - to give you the necessary instructions in reference to the acquisition of the Peruvian relics.

Mr. Hoode has just come back from Berlin. He was treated with immense consideration by everyone & had a very good time. We took our full share of all the prizes, apart from the acquisition of the Emperor's Eperque.

As you suggest, I shall not care to keep it in my house; but expect to have it as one of the trophies of the Fish Commission, in the National Museum.

As prices go for such things I do not see why Mr. Story cannot make a standing