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"The article on the Zoology of North America, is, for its extent, by far the most accurate which has ever appeared. The modesty of its author forbids a personal acknowledgement, which the editors would have the highest satisfaction in making."

Only through the recognition of his associates, and, in larger measure, by the citations of Prof. Baird in his work on the Mammals of North America, is the scientific world enabled to accord to the author of Ord's Zoology the honor and distinction which he humbly sought to avoid.

May the following pages not only serve to establish more clearly Mr. Ord's title to a high place among the Zoologists of America, but further those loftier interests which he considered so essential to scientific progress.

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