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BATES, Joseph D., jr.

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October 27, 1949

Mr. Joseph D. Bates, Jr. c/o Little, Brown and Company 34 Beacon Street Boston 6, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Bates:

Congratulations upon the publication of TROUT WATERS AND HOW TO FISH THEM. It is a subject of wonder and elation to many people, and we have no doubt that the book will be extremely popular.

The inclusion of Maine anecdotes and experiences leads us to write to you about the Maine Author Collection. We do not know whether or not you were born in Maine, but there are many authors represented in this collection who are natives of other states, but live here or write about the state. The collection is a permanent exhibit of books by Maine people or about the state, and is composed of inscribed presentation copies of these volumes. Over fifteen hundred of them make an impressive collection of Maine books, which draw visitors and students constantly.

We hope that you will want to inscribe and present TROUT WATERS AND HOW TO FISH THEM. It would give us great pleasure to include this book in the collection.

Please accept our very good wishes for the warm reception and enduring success of your new book, and also our cordial invitation to call at the library and see the Maine Author Collection when you are in Augusta.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of Maine Author Collection

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LITTLE, BROWN & COMPANY PUBLISHERS 34 BEACON STREET, BOSTON 6



December 8, 1949

Mrs. F. W. Jacob Maine State Library State House Augusta, Maine

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

Mr. Joseph Bates asked me to reply to your letter of October 27 and to apologize for him for the delay. I'm very glad to send you, under separate cover, a copy of TROUT WATERS AND HOW TO FISH THEM which has been specially autographed by Mr. Bates.

Sincerely yours, Joseph W. Allen

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December 15, 1949

Mr. Joseph W. Allen Little, Brown & Company 34 Beacon Street Boston 6, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Allen:

Will you please express to Mr. Bates our very warm appreciation of his generous gift to the Maine Author Collection of the delightfully inscribed TROUT WATERS AND HOW TO FISH THEM.

We ordered the book of course for the lending section of the library, and so popular are books about trout fishing that we expect one of this quality and authority never to be in the library, but always to be out on loan to some fisherman-patron.

It is a beautiful as well as interesting book, and will have permanent worth for any library, public or private.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of Maine Author Collection

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