Bowdler Sharpe Collection

Mt. Kilimanjaro.
East Africa.
Nov. 7. 89.

Dear Sir

Your favr came to hand some time since. Abut my collection of birds I am afraid Mr. Hunter & Mr. Jackson must have exaggerated its size & importance considerably. The collection was sent to the Smithsonian Institution at Washington abut the 1st of the year. I fear it will not be properly discribed, as there is no one in America who knows any-

thing abut Africa birds. The collection was all made in this region. The Smithsonian was very anxious indeed to get it. This year my collection has not amounted to much, I in company with Mr. Thomas of the N. Y. World, made an attempt to get up Mount Masai Land, but our expedition failed. Having so many men to look after I could not collect much.

The collection that I am making now, & the one I propose to make in the Comoros & Madagascar in leaving here in January I should be very glad to have you examine. I will be returning

to Europe in a years time & will bring them with me. I wrote Mr. Hunter some time since receiving your letter, but have not as yet heard from him.

Yours Very Truly
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