Bowdler Sharpe Collection

Steamer Point
Aden
14th Sept. 1890.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Oates arrived safely in the Rohilla on the 2nd and I spent a very pleasant hour or two with him he gave me your message and I promised to do the best I coned.

I have no books except Jerdon and Stray Feathers with me so that I cannot identify any of the birds but I will number them carefully and send you heaps of notes but I am afraid that I cannot do much beyond Aden itself as I cannot get away

for more than a few hours at a time. The soldiers must be fed Sunday and week day alike. There are no Shikaris here and no stuffers, so one would have it all to do, but this I would mind if I could only have a few days leave occasionally, but where there's a will there's a way and I hope at least to complete Major Terbury's papers.

As regard Somali Land, Captain Light offered to collect for me at Berbera but unfortunately his appointment What Command has been cancelled and there is now only a native officer in command, a chance may turn up, and if it does I'll do my best.

I will try especially to get you specimens of the Chukar and a Bee-eater.

I know the Affghan Chukor well. At present there are no Bee-eaters in Aden, but they will come in the cold weather

Yours very sincerely

H. H. Lane