Bowdler Sharpe Collection

to suit us all. Do not think of my staying with you this time as I shall be running about out of town all the time I am up & I know I shall only be in your way at home. Give my kindest regards to Mrs Sharpe who I trust is well & write the same to yourself believe me

Yours very Sincerely
H. E. Blissett

P.S. I will call at the Museum on Friday morning but just send me a line by return to that I may know what to say to the men at the Lod

Blissett

Ellesworth.
Westbourne
9th June 1893

My dear Sharpe,

Since I saw you in town I have been laid up with fever and ague & obliged to keep my bed or you would have heard of the birds in spirits &c. before now - I intend running up to town for a few days on Thursday next when I will hand them over to you with the few birds I have left.

I think of having one or two skins set up on which subject I shall ask your advice & assistance.

And now I want you to do me a favor if not inconvenient to you. A friend of mine at the War Office has asked me to get a friend of his in the same Office a sight of the birds I have sent home. I should take it as a favor if you could let me bring him up one evening whilst I am up to see your collection. His name is Young and he is a member of the Zoo I believe & they say, an ornithologist of some repute. These men are intimately connected with me and my department and can do me a great deal of good in most important matters so I should be glad to be civil to them, and in seeing your collection of African birds I believe he will see one which is second to none. If therefore you will try & oblige me like a good fellow drop me a line & I will let you what arrangements can be made

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My dear Sharpe,

I hope the
enclosed will do. Let
me know if you
would like any
alteration it can
be done. No news
yet of when I am
to go out, indeed
the latest is that

I am not to be sent out for some months but to be sent to Woolwich for a time - After this however you shall hear more by & by - I have no news beyond this to tell you - I hope Mrs Sharpe is well again or better at least. I have still got the "Sniffs". With love

Yours ever

H. T. Sharpe

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