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man feels himself to be on approval and consequently regards himself to the utmost of his ability

With your kind interest in me however I am confident that sooner or later I may get a chance. I am fully aware that such things cannot happen often and am content to wait.

I was thinking whether you might feel disposed to allow me some work in connection. I am badly prepared skins (bird) for the Cabinet. In December you told me that Cullingford was giving up such work and as I think he used to do a considerable amount for the museum. I thought that you might now be requiring the services of someone else. I think I may say I had a fair experience of such work. At the Liverpool museum I reduced from 4 to 5 "mounted" specimens (I suppose I must call them) several thousand. which on account of their great age and brittleness of skin were not easy to do.

St. Michaels

St. Albans Herts

Aug 18th 1904.

Dear Dr. Sharpe

I write to tell you that I have lately received a letter from Mr. Oldfield Thomas in regard to the post in Western Australia. He tells me that Mr. Boulton the gentleman who is willing to take out a collector with him to Australia, would prefer a man having a former South African experience in matters of trapping and collecting and thinks therefore that I should hardly prove suitable. I do not know yet whether the matter is definitely settled but for this time at any rate I fear I do not stand much chance of selection. This I generally find to be the case. People generally prefer the candidates having former experience and cannot see in to realize that a hitherto untried

I have also done a few number for W. H. C Robinson. which were collected by him in Malaysia and North Australia. many of them rotten with accidental rubbing in transport; - to endeavour to think his entire Satisfaction. Should you feel disposed to give me a trial I shall certainly do my best to afford Satisfaction

Trusting to hear from you at your convenience

I remain

Yours Sincerely

C. D. Fuller