Bowdler Sharpe Collection

Trinity College Bot. Gardens
Lansdowne Road
Dublin Sept. 1. 79.

Bowdler Sharpe Esq F.Z.S.
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British Museum

Dear Sir.

May I venture to ask if you found any specimens of particular interest among the small Collection of Birds skins I brought from N Borneo & the Sulu Islands & sent to you some months

agr by messrs Veitch &
Sons of Chelsea P.O.

I hope you will not
think me unconscious of the
value of your time in asking
this much information.

I shall remain Dear Sir
Yours obediently
F. W. Burbidge

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3, Raven's Villas, Wiseton Road,

Upper Tooting S.W.,

Jan 22d 1879

Dear Sir

When you can spare a moment I shall be glad to hear what you have made out about my small collection of Birds from Sulu. I have a few pretty Bornean Birds which I should like to have "set up" in two small cases. Can you oblige me with the name of a man who would do them well for a fair price? In looking over my collection I find half a dozen large Coleoptera and

a few dozen kinds of shells which I should like to get named. Might I venture to bring them to your people in the Museum for naming? I mean to the Professors in the Beetle and Shell departments respectively.

I beg to remain Dear Sir
Yours very truly,
Fav. Burlidge

P.S. Do you think either of the gentlemen to whom Lord Tweedale left his Birds will care to keep up the collection? It seems a pity they could not have come to the national collection.

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December 14 1873

Dear Sir

I am obliged for your letter re Barneau Birds rec.d thro. messrs Veitch Chelsea.

You are quite right, about 30 Specimens are from Fiji Archipelago I shall be glad to call at the museum to give you more precise habitats etc but cannot do so before next Tuesday. I have a few more birds not in the batch you have seen, here at my house and should like you to see these also. Have you seen the Birds sent by Gov.r Thurston & Mr. Treacher from Labuan? Both have made

large collections - Mr Treacher who is now acting Gov^r of Labuan has one or two fine plumaged & so far as I know new or rare birds from Kina Balu obtained by two of his hunters whom I took with me on my first journey. He has also had hunters in ~~Sulu~~ Sulu. These I induced him to send after my visit - You wd notice Polyplectron gymnocephalus? Wallace says it used to be a rare Bornean bird I never saw it - in Borneo - Mine is a Sulu specimen & I gave two others away. 1 to Mr Treacher & 1 to a Mr Jamieson of "The Glen Sligo" whom I met - in Borneo & who made collections of Birds & animals. Can you tell me the market value of Bulwer Pheasant Skins? - My sole object in the East was plants & the collection of Birds wh. I love much had to be carried on in my leisure time

I should like a complete list of my birds How can I get - this?

Yours always truly
F.W. Burbidge