Bowdler Sharpe Collection

Railway and Telegraph Station, Melbourne.

Calke Abbey, Derby.

May 10th 1891.

Dear Sir

I understand from Mr Wells Bond that he contemplated presenting to the British Museum a specimen of Oestrelata Jarquata shot on the West Coast, and recently exhibited at the Linnean & Zoological Societies, If the Petrel in Question has exacted your Should you see your way to granting my request May I ask you to be good enough to forward it to me, & I shall be glad to pay the carriage. I may mention that the collection of British Birds formed by my late father Sir John Crewe is still carefully preserved by me & I am always pleased to receive any fresh additions to it. Believe me

P.S. My address is Sir Vincent H. Crewe Bart Calke Abbey Derby

Yours faithfully
V H Crewe

being under the impression
if I understood him right
that he had agreed to
purchase the bird from
Mr Hutchins the bird stuffer
who preserved it - I have
recently seen Mr Bland
on the subject and have
I think convinced him by
production of the correspondence
I have had with Hutchins
through a friend of mine
that the latter I mean
Hutchins had originally
given me the refusal
of it, and the only reason
I suppose why I could not
at once secure it was
that Mr Willis Bland
had taken it to London
for Exhibition. Mr Bland
suggests that I should make
you acquainted with the
fact that he considers the
Petrel is his bird but
as he thinks I have
been badly used about it
he is quite ready to hand
the Petrel over to me if I
can get the British Museum
Authorities to give it up