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My Dear Bowdler Sharpe,

I purpose a trip to Shetland on Ruthological quest, and can find no books at the R. J. S. library to help me -

Can you suggest any notes or articles that you have read concerning the ins & outs of that little known corner of Europe, and which I might procure for further information.

Also do you want anything particular, if we can find it.

I am going out with two of the best bird-men I know, to photograph & sketch, & take notes – What can we do for you?

Not being gifted without a proj. handle, like poor Rothschild, I am not afraid of the Rolfsen Rayo! That was an excellent story of yours.

My cousin has fought his way thro the Munshis & Gorillas to the Cameroun border, on which he is Political Com.ʳ –

Yours sincerely
Dayrolle Davies. Com.ʳ R.N.
F.R.G.S. F.Z.S. &c

I ride through Salisbury next week & saw your Bungalow in the distance. I am R.E. & Town Hands Tennis, & held a heavy at Petersfield –

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Dear D^r. Bowdler Sharpe.

Could you kindly tell me any books on bird-trapping? My friend in Command of Nile Provinces wants to send you some from his country, but cannot shoot them - Take it Vee. Eaters, Fruit-Eaters, & Roosters of Sort. He sends me fine specimens of the rare antelopes from Bahr El Ghazal. &c - but cannot get any birds - Fine big fauna there, & of every kind -

My cousin L. Daycell sent me 14 gorilla heads & 12 black bush cow antelopes skins & horns of many varieties & a few food fishes which I don't care so much for -

You have forgotten me by this time, I visited your bungalow & had hoped you might possibly have spared me some eggs - penguins &c. But you are too busy I fancy.

Id°. like to show you my collection some day. when you head South & your daughter if she wd. care to come to patronize

Yours V. Truly

Daycell Davies.
Com². R.N.

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So is the just the man for a new country - a good shot, & of great nerve -

I watch his career with great interest - they promoted him for personal bravery lately.

You must come & see this place soon, azalias, Rhodos Roses &c en masse -

Yrs sincerely
Dayrell Darcis Imat. R.E.

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Dear Dr Bowdler. Sharpe,

Just finished my training at Whale Island, & apologize for my delay in answering your kind letter - I send off tomorrow by Rail "Wickham to Alton" - a first instalment of Fr. pics, as You wanted to embellish Your Selborne "Museum" - All taken in hard bush fighting by my

Comin with his Escort of 160 Soldier.men on the Cross River & Owerri expeditions — He has promised more, now he is in Command of the new Okumi District, which he conquered & burnt only two years ago. Sorry want trophies &c &c, You shall have the Ju-jus — willingly — I have implored him to collect Nat. Hist.y specimens for the Br. Museum — what opportunities he now has — I did it all my Sea-going life, single-handed, & got punished many times for skinning beasts, & making the main deck in a mess, or breaking my leave, by losing my way in the forest or jungle & so missing the boat — Elphinstone dropped his Commission to undertake Colonial work, at which he excels he has been fighting in S. Africa with Chesham, & is a fairly good Solicitor under Hastie & Son.