Bowdler Sharpe Collection

Chislehurst

25th May 1877.

My dear Sharpe.

As upon a reasonable calculation, the chances of your being at the Brit. Mus. this morning before 10.30 appear microscopically small; and as I leave Waterloo by the 11.15 down train; I must ask you to defer the Penguin ingest until Tuesday morning.

I am going down to a village in the Isle of Purbeck, where last week I had some pleasant rambles, admiring gulls eggs in the nests from the tops of the cliffs, and climbing up to hawks nests &c in the woods at unconscionably early hours. Being about three hours from the nearest railway station, I doubt if I can get a train to bring me to town sufficiently early on Monday to see you on that day. At least I could; but it would be more suitable for a penitential season than for the present to undertake fasting a fast walk along the shore the first thing in the morning.

Yours sincerely

A. R. Eaton.