Bowdler Sharpe Collection

Calabar,
Southern Nigeria.
22nd, Febry, 1907.

Dear Sir.

I am sending you a description of a water bird I shot at Bonny the other day, with two feathers from the wings, and two from the legs and belly, with the hope that you will be able to tell me its name, and give me the name of some book describing it.

English water fowl, or moor hen,

If you can help me in this I shall be much obliged

Yours faithfully,

J.H.J. Farquhar.

Asst. Cons. of Forests.

The Curator,
Bird Section,
South Kensington Museum.

Beak, 1½ inches long,
the base of the upper beak
and the whole of the lower
beak greenish yellow.
Face feathers, slate coloured.
Breast feathers, a lustrous buck
red colour.
Back feathers, a lustrous brown green
Tail short like the English
water fowl and brick red in
colour.
Toes four (not webbed)
Leg and Belly feathers as enclosed
small feathers.
Wing feathers as enclosed large
feathers.
Size a little larger than the