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in Africa, though I hope now to sit down as they have been near here.

I dug up an acre of ground to make a garden a month ago & there was not a worm in the whole of it.

Elephants & Rhino have played hell with the garden since. I had a narrow escape the other day charged by six Elephants together, the first time I have ever known more than one charge at a time.

Yours Ever
R. B. Sharpe

We had dear old White from B.C.A. staying with us a couple days on his way to Uganda. RBS.

N. E. or S.
Massai Land
18 Dec. 1898.

My dear Sharp

Many thanks for your letter.

I am not likely to come across the nest of Scopus umbretta as I am away from water but hope to be near a good river where I start to build my ~~new~~ new station in a couple of months.

The playground of Jackson's Kraaer is hard to get

as though common enough in April & May when the grass is long, one has to take up about 6 ft square of turf unbroken; as the railway will be here by that time I will do my best.

I have not seen your paper on the birds I collected, did it come out in the Ibis? I would like to see it.

We are living in a tent & have been since Sept. last & as it is the wet season, it is hard to do anything, a lot of birds I got for me & some skins mammals for Thomas have all gone mouldy having no chance of getting them dry, it is most disheartening.

I know the way Director Ray, his leaning is to Crustacia & rotten low forms is it not? I promised some grass ago to get him earthworms if I could & strange to say I have never seen an earthworm

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CLORANE,
KILDIMO,
Co. LIMERICK.

TELEGRAMS,
"CLORANE ADARE."

20th Dec 97

My Dear Sharpe.

I have added some notes to the bird list. I enclose the papers you asked me to send. I am afraid the notes are rather crude & will need correcting let me know if there is anything more you want

as I shall not be
in London till 10th of
January.

Yours truly
Sidney Smith.