Casey A. Wood Collection

From Sir Eyre Hutson
Governor of Fiji

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
SUVA, FIJI.

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Dear Dr. Casey Wood,

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 5th November last, received by me a few days ago, I wish to express my apology and regret for having omitted to reply to your previous letter in which you forwarded to me a copy of your pamphlet "A Collection of Birds from the Fiji Islands."

Your letter under acknowledgment is most interesting in every way, particularly the copy of a letter written by you to a few relatives and intimates, that I received from Miss Cora Raymond of 7 West Madison Street, Chicago. I entirely agree with you that this Government should endeavour, in due time and so soon as funds permit, to undertake scientific investigation of the birds of the Colony and their habits and life history. As you are aware the funds of the Colony even for absolute necessities are unfortunately extremely limited.

I entirely agree with you as to Mr. Belcher's keenness and as to the value of his bird portraits, not only from an ornithological but from their artistic stand point. He certainly

deserves

deserves every encouragement and you, no doubt, will be able in due time to assist him in obtaining permanent employment where he will be able to use his talent for his own benefit and that of science. I have given instructions, in connection with your letter, that a permit be issued to him at once to continue his investigation and collection of birds, their nests and eggs. I need hardly say that I appreciate very highly the interest that you have shown in this matter as affecting the Colony.

Yours faithfully,

Ernest Roberts