Ap. 5/33. ans. many thanks How much with the two drawings + photos of the diagrams of Sārāthsasaṇgrahaya cost?

Colombo Museum,
1st. April, 1933.

Dr. Casey Wood,
Hotel Suisse,
Kandy.

Dear Dr. Casey Wood,

Many thanks for your kind letter of the 22nd ult. ~~instant~~. I am not aware of any picture of a medical Vedarāla clothed in full regalia. I think the best possible way to get such a picture is to get an imaginary one drawn. (15th. century one will be suitable, this is the Kotte period during which time the Rājaratnākaraya was compiled.) I can get such a picture drawn for you. We have to get two drawings one of low-country Vedarala and the other of up-country.

No Ayurvedic surgical instruments are in the Museum, but we have other articles used by Vedaralala such as Ivory syringes, pill boxes, balances, grinding stones, cutters, pounders etc., The photographs of these can be taken on any day, if you only inform us of the articles that are required to be photographed.

For Ayurvedic surgical instruments see Sushruta Samhita English translation Vol 1. Introduction, Plates 1-3, they are somewhat modern but the descriptions are old. I can give you descriptions of surgical instruments but no specimens are available. It is also ineteresting to see the diagrams of Sārāthasaṇgrahaya, the oldest work on medicine written by King Buddhadasa, who reigned at Anuradhapura from 341-70 A.D. I am sure you may have seen those diagrams.

Yours sincerely,

A. Jayasinha.