"The Anchorage"
Station Road
Wellawatte
Ceylon
1st August 1933.

Dr. Casey A. Wood,
M.D.
Queen's Hotel, Kandy.

Dear Sir,

With further reference to your letter of 27th July 1933, I am enclosing a copy of Mrs. F.S. Kelaart's letter of Edinburgh July 2nd 1843, which was copied by me in 1898— 35 years ago with the other copies of Dr. Kelaart's letters already sent you.

In my 2nd Edition (see below) I intend to make reference to the letters given to you to be preserved to posterity in the McGill University Collection.

I have an Original letter of Dr. W.E. Kelaart of Trinidad, a brother to Dr. E.F. Kelaart, whose sketch of his life is given in page 49 of Dr. Kelaart's Biographical Sketch.

Yours Sincerely
A.H. Kelaart

P.S. including three (3) Reports on Ceylon Pearl oysters.

Copy (1.) Edinburgh July 2nd 1843.

Copied from original letters in 1898 – 35 years ago when the letters were readable & in good condition.

31st July 1933

My Dear Mr. Kelaart,

Now that I feel preveleged to write to you as a daughter – I cannot let a Mail leave without a few words inefficient as they must be to express my present happiness and to assure of that gratitude I must ever feel towards one who has given me the greatest of earthly blessings – How can I think you the father of my Edward for having permitted to look up to him as my husband. I know not how to prove to you the delight of the affection he has so long possessed, nor how to assure you of my anxiety to be to him all you would wish his wife to be, but I trust that He who has so mercifully granted my prayer and may guide me to fulfil the happy duties of my new life and make me more worthy of one so tenderly, so anxiously loved. I did not think when I last wrote to you I should so soon be a happy wife, nor did I know the blessings I now possess in one so justly loved, but I hope I may value the treasure so that I may not be deprived of it. The last few weeks have necessarily been those of anxiety, but, I hope that ere long I may be able to say our dear Edward is quite well. I think

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I think the pleasure of again seeing old friends in Edinburgh has already done him good, I read last night the few lines he wrote to you and trust you need no further assurance from me, that I hope I now possess friends in Ceylon though I may never its shores, but my interest can never cease in those I have such cause to esteem, Edward's letter will tell you of Sir McGregor's kindness and that we shall embark for Gibraltar next month most probably. We shall soon return to our dear mother whom we left in town preparing for leaving England. The last letters we had from my brother gave very good account of his health. Will you give my love to your daughter and say that I hope by next Mail to send her all particulars of our marriage for this letter will be too heavy, if I add more, it was a great gratification to us to have some of Edward's old friends present and nothing would exceed the kindness of our old friends from Staffordshire, many coming to town on purpose to be at the ceremony. The day was lovely and I may say all passed off well, but I hope you will

will hear of it through others, I must not say more now than kind regards to your sons and daughter and believe I shall always be your gratefully and attached daughter.

Sgt. J. S. Kelaart