Bowdler Sharpe Collection

Government House

British New Guinea.

13 November 1889.

My dear Sir,

I have to thank you for your kind note of 8th September & for your offer assistance in classifying my birds &c with the exception of those taken home by Mr B. H. Thomson, late my Private Secretary, all our birds have been given to Mr. C. W. de Vis, Director of the Queensland Museum

for the British Museum. I expended last year about £100 in making a small private collection. All birds (chiefly the rare) paid by Govt are portion the public collection, & that as time has or them will be duplicates. The Natives have come to know I am spending a lot money in collecting. Will you communicate with Mr de Vis respecting birds?

Yours very sincerely,

W. MacGregor

up to date I have received no report on the things sent home, & I fancy they are distributed here & there.

I am very desirous of keeping the run of what little scientific work is done; & that seems to me the best mode by sending all specimens to Australia; always keeping in reserve to decide all doubtful & difficult matters in respect of birds.

I believe we do this is practising illustrated descriptions of the birds on new birds. I should of course be willing to add to the National collection when I can. But nearly all the birds sent to Queensland are public property. I would suggest that application should be made through the Colonial Office to the Government of Queensland for duplicates, as available,