

Please note
address for
the next fortnight

Balcaiskie



Pitten wean
Fife N.B.

My dear Sharpe

Can Mr Davenport
draw on stone as
well as make water-
colour sketches?

If so please let me
know & I will get a
lithographer to send
him a stone

I expect N. Gale will

Come to the Brit.
Mus. to draw the
Bustards & some of
the Sand grouse for
me if so would
you like a good fellow
assist him as far as
you can & if possible
let him have a room
where he ^{can} sketch quietly

about the end of the month

without interruption

Please let me have
a line by return
to say whether I may
send a stone to Ad-
venport ^{from} ^{these} ^{I got} ^{some} ^{morning} ^{yes} ever.

I have ^{heard} G. F. L. Marshall

P.S. I have no copy of
my birds nesting book
here I will send you
a copy when I get back to London

I have sent your letter to my brother
 with the
 reference to the
 points which
 concern him
 you will pro-
 bably hear
 from him
 soon.
 I am
 Yours
 N. W. P.
 India
 Dec. 1. 1873
 G. F. Sharpe

I have received your letter
 and the final account of
 the "Capitoniidae" for which
 many thanks. I have
 written to Grindley to trans-
 fer the balance (£72.10.1)
 to my account, and I en-
 close receipt for it ^{through Grindley} in full
 of the balance due on the
 book; also a cheque for
 £8.18.6 on account of Parts

sea & on the East coast of Africa
 returning to India in April. — To those among
 the signal description of Agavea macrodon
 (Cuvier) & is there sufficient to identify the
 bird by — are there any type specimens or
 not still in existence? — I wish you would
 look this up for me — Does it equal
A. caper (Linnæus) — or the A. pulchellus
 of India a very rare bird I much wish to
 see two from Borneo & before then I
 would like to see it with a pair of

I to XVII of the Birds of Europe
What about those six
creators I sent for identi-
fication; I want them back
again as they were picked
specimens for the Simla
Museum. I got Hods-
worths catalogue all safely
I am very much obliged
for it - I should have been
quite in the dark without
it - Can you get another
copy or do you wish this
returned to you; I should
like to keep it if you can
spare it. — I got very
sick last September from

overwork - I was private secretary to the
Ld. Govt. W.M.P. as well as under Secretary & got
and the two combined were too much for me
I was away for two months & utterly unable
to carry on the work; I have at all right again
now - but I don't feel so steady & so bold
to undertake anything it as I used to do.
I am going to get married at last, have su-
posed to a Miss Muir, the second daughter
of the William Muir the Ld. Govt. of the Province
We are to be married in February and after
that I am going on duty a tour through the Red

Marshall

Allahabad $\frac{29}{3}73$

N. W. Provinces.

My dear Sharpe

Will you kindly wind up accounts with me as soon as you possibly can and let me know how we stand & pay any balance that may be due to me to Messrs Grindlay & Co 53 Parliament Street Westminster — If all the money has been collected I calculate

note. — What has become of the recruits? — I want them back again — did you name them? — Will you get back the birds & skeletons? — May be in London for a month this autumn or next but it is not very likely

yrs sincerely
G. F. Marshall

that there should be a
balance of somewhere
about £100.0.0. —

I know you are a busy
man but it is $2\frac{1}{2}$ years
now since I left England
& $1\frac{1}{2}$ since the book
came out & it is no
use concealing that I
am thoroughly disap-
pointed in your business
habits & transactions

It has been very incon-
venient to me for there
were a number of small

payments to be made in London for
such & such I had to get separate bills
of exchange at considerable trouble for
I could not draw a cheque on Sunday
till I knew your account so I had
authorized him to honor your cheques
to the extent of my balance. —

Please settle up without any fur-
ther delay — the accounts don't get any
less complicated by a journey in a paper