

Letter of Smith
 Whinchat. Walford.
 Highcliffe. on Sea.
 Hunt.

Ans. June 3. 22
 23 May 22

Dear Mr. Wood.

I must thank you for your letter & enclosed paper cutting, but feel that the letter has been placed in the wrong envelope, but have nevertheless felt the compliment you have paid me. I think if you had taken up quarters in this little place for a night or two, you would have been able to rest comfortably in bed & had perhaps more than enough of the Nightingale; I think our Song Thrush is quite equal to him myself, though no doubt the midnight song lends much enchantment.

I see you are collecting Ornithology works, but am afraid I may not be

of much use to you, but might
dispose of any of the following if
wanted:-

4 Vols. bound in two in leather, of

Cyclopaedia of Nat: History.

Charles Knight.

1856.

Instructions as regards names of
birds in all languages, even in Welsh.

Major British Game birds } with 60
illustrations

Very fine coloured plates.

a small 5 x 4" edition of White's
Saltwater, by Bell & Valdy, London.
1862.

I wondered whether you yourself
or if you knew of any institution
in America requiring British specimens
of birds eggs in clutches, as I have
a very good part collection I could
dispose of, including the nightingale.

In my letter, which the Daily
Mail so kindly sent you, you will
perhaps remember I stated I used
to be collector for the Liverpool Museum
for some years & have since carried
it on for my own interest; I have
not a cabinet however, & all the
eggs are separately packed & away
from light & are perfect in colouring.
I could send a list if required.

I do trust you have enjoyed
your visit to our beautiful country.
I think it was worth fighting for.

My kindest respects.

Yours very faithfully

Greville Clarke.