

Lokoja.
Niger Territory
West Coast of Africa.
July 11th 1891.

Dear Sir

I am sending a few birds
but am afraid the specimens are
not much good. I have had so
much to do that I have not been
able to get any before, next day season
I shall have time to collect plenty.
If I send you any you do not
require I should be glad if you
could send them to the Natural History
Museum at Chester. There are
a lot of Crown birds here but the
pink in their ears turns white
as soon as they are killed; in a
similar way the bright blue on the

forehead of the Jacana I find
you vaulted an hour after it
was dead; is there any way of
preserving these colors...

There are a great number of Hawks
of different kinds here but they
fly inland at this time of year.

There are some huge Crocodiles

20 ft long up the Benue: I see
W. Buckland doubt those
beasts being as large here as
in India, I have seen some
20 ft & believe they are sometimes
longer. Hoping to hear from
you some day
Yours truly
J. H. Ewart.

1. Grey Hawk shot at ~~Sti~~ June 4:
Cock bird.
2. Jacana (Hsu) ditto
3. Plover (~~Hsu~~ ^{Cock}) June 14:
4. ~~Hs~~ Sparrow (Hsu)
5. Alligator Bird (Cock)