

By the month of Oct. - 76.
I hope to ship a much more
considerable, and important
collection.

My purpose, is to remain
at Suva Island, until I can
either reach the mountains
or prove the attempt to be in
vain, then to cruise along the
coast towards the South-East
extremity - when the rainy
season again returns - about
the middle of Jan. - to return
to Sydney - if my health again
fails - remain there until
it is over, and then fit
out for another season.

Hoping to hear from you
at your earliest convenience
I subscribe myself

Yours faithfully

R. Bowdler Shapley, W. H. James,
British Museum.

an arrangement with a Pearl-
sheller, to bring his large
boat and whale-boat, with
18 men, to Foul Island not
later Aug^r - 15 - where we
will meet and carry out
the objects of the expedition
in Co.

I shall have to pay half the
expenses, and give him half
the proceeds.

I would like at least,

£200.

Thick-less, I can do but
little.

Should you be able to make
the arrangement, it would be
safest to send the money
in care of Mr. MacFarlane,
with instructions to turn over
to me, in case of my still
being engaged in the work,

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likely that he will immediately ship to London. I cannot know of this before Sept. since no mail can be received here before that time.

I will now add a few remarks, to be remembered in case you receive my collections.

They are not in such a state, - many - as I desired, but, under the difficulties with which I had to contend, are preserved to the best of my advantage.

It is not large either, owing to my sickness, and want of assistance.

Should they arrive, remember that I do not want anything sold, before looked over and described.

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South East Papua
June - 76

Dear Sir.

It gave me very great satisfaction and encouragement to receive your kind letter of recent date.

In replying, I have to regret that I have been placed under such obligations to a few gentlemen of N.S.W. that it has been impossible for me to ship my first collections to London, as you advise.

You must remember that there has intervened quite an interval of time since your letter and the reception of your reply.

In the meantime, I lost one partner by disagreement and another by sickness during the rainy season.

Since the middle of January I have been operating alone with a single, worthless servant.

Dr. Alfred Roberts, and Capt. Arthur Cuslow of N.S.W. feeling interested in my behalf, sent me a nice lot of supplies, and encouraged me to continue in my work.

Therefore, I could not immediately comply with the proposition of your letter, notwithstanding my judgment approved.

But I've done this; I have shipped the greater part of my collections to the care of Dr. Roberts, with your letter and my feelings upon the matter, and requested him to do what seems best to his judgment. It is not un-

Cape York - N. E. Australia.
 Sept. 25 / 75.

Mr. Sharp,

Sir. Having organized an expedition for the purpose of exploring New Guinea and making a scientific collection, and knowing that you are not only at the head of your profession as an Ornithologist, but that you anticipate producing a monograph upon the Birds of New Guinea, I have concluded to address you upon the matter, hoping that you would take an interest in our expedition.

Our expedition consists of Mr. Pittard of Tasmania - an expert collector and taxidermist - a Mr. Knight of New South Wales, and myself.

I have just closed my engagements with Mr. William Macleay, as Surgeon, and naturalist to the "Scientific Expedition of the 'Albatross'".

We now propose to return at once to "Port Moresby" on the South East Coast of Papua, to make that point our depot, owing to the proximity of the Stanley range of mountains

we hope to get into the interior
in a comparatively short period of
time, where no doubt the Flora
and Fauna will assume a strictly
Papuan type. We propose to make
interior exploration the great object
of the expedition.

We will be very happy to receive
any orders or assistance from you,
and will take great pains to fully
satisfy you for the same.

For any further particulars, I refer
you to William Macleay - F. L. S.
Sydney. N. S. W. Capt. Cuslow R. M.
N. P. of the same - Alfred Roberts -
Mrs. R. E. S. Phillip Esq. Sydney.

Hoping to receive a communi-
cation from you I am

Yours very truly,

H. H. James. *H. H.*

Address.

In care of

Rev. S. McFarland -

Somerby - Cape York -

N. E. Australia.