

The Trustees of the British Museum

My Lords & Gentlemen

I have this day delivered to the Agents of the Museum at this place the following articles in continuation of the series of drawings & specimens illustrative of the Zoology of Nepal & Tibet already presented to the Museum—

Drawings of Mammals — 45
Drawings of Birds — 40 — 85

Skins of Mammals — 402

Skins of Birds — 4444 — 4846

Osteological specimens of Mammals 406

Osteological specimens of Birds — 663 — 1069

Grand Total as per detailed
Lists delivered to Mr. Howard 5996

The osteological specimens have been added to the others in compliance with a suggestion of the Keeper of the Zoological department after inspection of them, and I believe they will be found of high value not only in helping to determine the important question of the true nature and limits of species, but also in forwarding the great end of natural classification, not to speak of the aids they will afford towards fixing the particular species of my large Collection upon a firm basis. I shall be glad to learn that the Trustees ratify the suggestion of their Officer—

This branch of the Collection, like the others, is rich in duplicates, of which assuming that the originals are permanently deposited in the Museum, it is my request that one series may be hereafter delivered to the College of Surgeons if desired by that institution. The drawings now presented, amounting to eighty one, ^{constitute} the regular

branch of the series to which they belong (20 inches by 12)

& which series they nearly complete. What remains to conclude
the set shall be prepared & sent as soon as may be. Meanwhile
I recommend that prompt measures be taken by the Museum to
secure possession of those which went before them & which having
fallen into various hands do not seem to be, all of them, forth-
coming as they ought to be. — The numbered Catalogues according
to which these drawings were prepared & despatched from India,
will afford a ready clue to the amount of drawings that
ought to be forthcoming. According to the Catalogues adverted
to the number of species is as follows — Mammals of Nepal 126
Birds of Nepal 656 — Mammals of Tibet 47 — Most of these
species were separately delineated & many of them there were
several delineations in this series of drawings, not to mention
the larger series preceding it & which likewise, so far as
carried, ought to be forthcoming & has been presented to the
Museum —

Signed

W. Woodman