



11 Narbonne Square

June 18. 1858.

Dear Sir,

I am extremely gratified that the manner in which your new species were published in the Proceedings has met your approbation: and I have no doubt that in your memoranda there must be much which would afford interesting matter for future papers.

As D. Gray originally sug-

gested to Dr. Hensfield that your  
new species should be described in  
the Proceedings, and had, I believe  
the merit of selecting those which  
were most suitable for the figures,  
I have thought it best to consult  
him on the subject of your letter  
of the 10<sup>th</sup> instant: especially as he  
is one of our Vice Presidents and  
one of the most active members of  
our Publication Committee.

Dr. Gray undertakes to exa-  
mine the collection of Mamma-  
lia & Bird skins, to select such  
as appear new for description,

and such as appear to be desirable for the British Museum.

And he will then pack up and forward the duplicates to any Museum or persons whom you may designate.

The descriptions we propose to publish in the Society's Proceedings, illustrated as before, with extracts from your memoranda.

I think a very interesting series of papers may be made in this manner, and I hope

You will approve of the plan.

I have deposited the skins of mammalia already received in the care of Dr. Gray. If you will give me an order for receiving the bird skins & box of drawings and memoranda, I will send them to him also, so that the examination will maybe commenced and ~~we~~ may be enabled to bring the papers successively before the Society when our sittings recommence after the vacation.

Your assistance will be required in <sup>translating</sup> deciphering the mens. when



they are in the native tongue: but  
it will be unnecessary to trouble <sup>you</sup>  
until the collection has been gone  
through carefully in the first  
instance and the probable  
extent of what we shall have  
to do ascertained.

Mr. Hodgson's pet is quite  
well.

The Cheer and three species  
of *Gallopharis* are breeding  
well. I expect to have near  
100 birds in all.

I am, Sir,  
Yours very faithfully,  
D. W. Mitchell.