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Canterbury Feb 26. 1845

To The Rev. J. Forshall  
Secretary British Museum

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 23 ult relative to my zoological collections.

2 With reference to the extent of these collections, recently formerly delivered, it may conduce to future convenience if the keeper of the Zoology be directed to submit to the Trustees a summary statement showing the totals of what has been received by the Museum, what retained by it, & what distributed elsewhere, in the shape of skins, bones, or drawings.

3 The following are the parties to which I wish the duplicate skins to be transmitted, in the order in which they are set down. India House. Leyden. Paris. Berlin. Frankfurt. Edinburgh. Dublin. Newcastle. Canterbury. Manchester. <sup>from</sup> The Earl of Derby. ~~Mr. Sturtevant~~

4 The duplicate bones I wish to be delivered to the Royal College of Surgeons London, to the Zoological Society London, & to the

accompany these specimens; and  
I only wait your Keeper's report  
of what is available, & the receipt  
of the Catalogue he is engaged to fur-  
-nish, in order to deliver these  
letters.

6 With regard to the <sup>missing</sup> drawings pre-  
-sented to the British Museum, I  
have the honor to state that I  
have recovered & delivered to  
your Keeper, sixty five of them;  
and that the following are the  
parties (besides Mr Howard) from  
whom more of them may be  
expected to be obtained: the  
Royal Asiatic Society: the Zoological  
Society: Sir Alex. Johnston: Pro-  
-fessor H. H. Wilson.

7 Mr Howard, I find, is at length  
fully convinced & admits having a  
complete set of the Mammal Draw-  
-ings which however he attempts  
to retain possession of under pretext  
the utility of which Mr Howard  
of your Museum can establish.  
No time should be lost in reco-  
-vering these drawings from Mr  
Howard.

I have the honor to be  
Sir

Your most obedient servant  
B. H. Hodgson  
Late Minister at the