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My dear Sir,

I know you will have thought me forgetful of you, but to do you, I have not been so, I send half a dozen lines to say - that more than 5 weeks ago I sent over to Major Herring of the 34th Reg^t. N. I. at Agra: a Case, in which there is a Tin Case, containing the few specimens of Birds that I had, and which I expected him to get down to the Regt at Patna - by the first opportunity; as yet no opportunity has offered, but in all this month, we may well calculate upon one presently doing - the delay I hope will not be material; the Birds here have been very severely packed in Tin and soldered down: so that we may feel pretty confident that they will reach you in good order: To each specimen I have appended a brief note: which will give you all the particulars that I am in possession of regarding them: Some two or three specimens will I doubt not be new to you, and I shall be gratified if the others prove acceptable:

Yesterday, I obtained Two Bustards for you from the West-borough of Hansie, and then, I will forward also to Benapoor by an

and

opportunity with any thing else, that I may meet with, which
I think may prove an acquisition to your museum: The Bat, &
Two or three others of the same order. I will also send down, I did
not like to put the Bittles, containing them with the Birds, for fear
that accidental breakage might destroy the entire lot =

I very much regret to say that up to this time I have
been able to procure a good specimen of the Bijou, such as I
could send to you. The Weather has been so unseasonable & the
Ground is now so dry, from want of Rain, that the Kangjoo
cannot get at them, if we have a good gale of water soon
to befall us, my duties carry me into the District, I will trust.
We shall be able to procure you a specimen, or Two male
& female if possible: When you write me again - just say
in what way you would wish them to be preserved: and how
I can best manage it: Do you recollect the French Naturalist
a good friend of mine - used to park in Mam lia in Java
containing, a mixture of Iphit, Alu m, & Spies: Do you approve
of this plan - and if so shall I follow it: perhaps you
will me a Rp for the Pickle - about April next ago: my
people, accidentally met a couple of Kangjoo, carrying a
dead Bijou into the City: They brought the, then and

Animal to me: but it was in such a mutilated state, and
so advanced in putrefaction, that, as Skellin would
have been useless: I made a few notes - which I herewith
send you; which shall be added to it. I have the good
fortune to get possession of another Bijoo, viz I proceed into
the District on Duty: I merely copy the remarks as dictated then
in my private memorandum book:

Verisitas: common name Bijoo of the Western States:
Female: full size, killed near Muthua, and brought for
my inspection on the 4 Sept-1837:

Food: Carrion of every Description - } by report of the Kunjurs
Abode: in holes of all varieties of depth, but chiefly under the
foundations of old Ruins & report by Kunjurs

Weight: 19lb: 10 ounces Avordupoise Feet

Extremelength from point of nose to Extremity of Tail: 3

From nose, to first Cerebral Outcrop $7\frac{3}{4}$ inches

Length of Neck $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches

From Neck to anus: 20 inches: Length of Tail 7 inches

Measure across the shoulders, to the Extremity of the longest
Claws of the fore feet: 28 inches

Length of Fore limb, from shoulder to Extremity of longest nail $13\frac{1}{2}$ inches

Length of Hind limb - from Hip to Extremity of longest Nail: 12 inches

Length of Fore Foot, from Extremity of Heel to point longest Nail $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches

D - of Hind Foot. Do Do - Do Do - $4\frac{3}{4}$ inches -

5 Toes, armed with Nails on each fore Foot: Inner Toe & Nail shortest, outer Toe and nail, next shortest: 3 Centre Toes & Nails longest, and of equal length: The same in the Hind Toes & Nails: excepting that the hind nails are only half the length of the fore ones: Length of longest Nail on fore Foot $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches
 Do Do Do Do on Hind Foot $\frac{1}{2}$ inch ^{in all}

Teats: 2 on each side of the Abdomen: One Inch asunder on the same side, and 3 inches separate, across the abdomen, the lowest Teat is situated, 4 inches from the Inferior Orifice of the Vagina

Clear the mouth.
 Teeth in half the upper jaw: 3 false Molars, 1 small Bicuspitate, 1 Canine, and 3 Incisives: the latter are by no means trenchant, but short, project little from the Alveolar Process: and are extremely blunt



This sketch will perhaps make Teeth in half lower jaw: the same as in the upper, excepting 2 incisive teeth: the only one there is in short, and ^{Teeth 8} upper jaw blunt Teeth 6 lower jaw

Extreme length of the alimentary Canal 13 Feet $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches, that is from the ^{upper point of the} Oesophagus to the Cardiac Orifice 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches: length of Stomach 7 inches: from Pyloric Orifice to the extreme point of the Intestine at the Anus - 11 Feet 10 inches: Stomach was empty, and so the Intestines

The former I filled with liquid, tying it just below the Pyloric, & filling it up to the origin of the Cardiac ^{orifice} it contained when full, and quite distended: 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ ounces fluid. Apthecaries measure -

Color of the Animal: as follows: Curried on to the best half

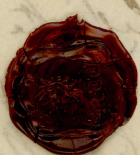
Deep dirty brown

Throat, Chest, Abdomen, inside arms and thighs, & scantily
covered with coarse black hair - Surface of Head, Neck
Body, & within an Inch of the Extremity of the Tail, light dirty white
approaching to grey: The hair thick, though short: From Eye lids
to Nose, Deep Black: Eye lids, are rigid, and provided with
Eyebrows: The Ears, are provided, with little or no Combs -
No whiskers perceptible, a few straggling hairs arise on the
upper lip: The Arms & Legs are black the Anus is altogether
strongly resembles the "Seledu" or "Hydrous Melicips" of Dr
Hersfield, but ^{it} is more disgusting, has the White Stripe on the
Back more extensive; Its tail is longer, and sharp pointed, the
Snout also is not so long: neither is the Eye situated so high in the Head.

I send you a slight Sketch of the Beast, merely to show you
how deep the White Stripe runs down the Side: As like the
animal, and quickly copied off from a drawing I made of
the Beast at the time, I scanned it. I wish my dear Sir, as
the particulars I have been able to collect for you, thus far, but they
I shall be rendered still more complete, if I can only get
hold of another Animal: This Trigoo, is of the chephitic breed
Tibe, and had been in a bearable state, I would, had I with
the assistance of a medical friend of mine here, have looked for
the chephitic Glands, & glands for whose secretion arises
we will do so with the next specimen: Pardon this hurried
Letter, I am much interrupted, and am now suffering from
sharp attack of morbid humors of the Stomach &
Intestines

Check indelible sketches in lead and brass - mounted
by a glass front holding water tightly & drawn from a
my own, and. Therefore by sea will not be touched by sea
when cut for in strength of the Indian Mountain

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