

29 Bury St
St. James
London

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My dear Sir

A few days ago Mr
J. E. Gray forwarded to me
the collection of Chinese birds
which you have so kindly presented
to me. They include many
species new to my collection,
and will be of the utmost
service to me in identifying
the many new species which
you have added to science.

I regret very much that
your approaching departure
for India will deprive me
of the pleasure of again seeing
you in London, or as I had
hoped of shewing you my
collection in Oxford.

I send you herewith a
copy of my Report on Ornithology
just published, and if it is
not giving you too much
trouble, perhaps you would
kindly take charge of a copy
for Mr Blyth, whom I presume

you will see in Calcutta.
 Hoping you may be enabled
to resume your very interesting
researches into Indian zoology
I am with many thanks
very truly yours

H. E. Strickland

B. H. Hodgson Esq.