

118. Cambridge Street
Warwick Square
P. W.

27th April 1870.

Dear W. Hodgson —

enclose a printed letter

of Humes and his last

to me about the book

which you may

be able to judge of his in-

tentions. He writes in a

depressed tone about

the overwork & really

it does seem a hopeless

business, & as far as I

kindest regards

And here me

Warshall

such work

with

of course
I am
I really

Can judge the illustra-
ted work will now
remain in abeyance
for a time, I donot
think Jerdon will take
it up; & Home will
probably take furlough
soon & ~~they~~ the requisite
leisure will be found

I donot know what
to do about your
portfolios in the mean
time; I can during the

Summer arrange and
systematize the notes
but I do not see how
to utilize the figures
except for identification
by myself of the species.
It seems such a pity
that they should be hid
I fear it will be worse
sending them to Sumner
till he is more at
leisure, but having the
notes arranged will be

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the chief point, and
they can then be incor-
porated at pleasure.

Joseph Hume was
this man's father not
uncle. What you say
about our plates is
quite true; they are
harsh, but Wolf will
not draw & I know
of no better artist
than the one we have
got who will undertake

Agra, March 15th, 1870.

MY DEAR

You will doubtless by this time, have obtained a copy of No. 1 Part I. of my rough notes, on Indian Oology and Ornithology. If not, I venture to trust you will provide* yourself, as soon as possible, with a copy.

No. 2 of Part I. which completes the Raptores, (including all those of the Andamans, Ceylon, Burmah and Assam, not noticed by Dr. Jerdon) is in the press, and should appear by the 1st July.

With this 2nd number will be incorporated a supplement, containing all additional matter that I have collected, in regard to any of our Raptores, since No. 1 was printed, or No. 2 was sent to the press.

I would therefore earnestly beg you, to send me at your earliest convenience, any notes or remarks that you may have to make, in addition to, or correction of, what has appeared in No. 1, or generally in reference to any of the Indian, Burmese &c., Raptores.

Part II., which will issue in 3 numbers, will treat of the Inessores, and I shall be very grateful for any notes you can send me, in regard to any of these species.

I further note, that at the close of each part, a supplement will appear, in which all additional information, in regard to any species noticed in that or preceding parts, will be embodied, so that any notes, sent at any time, are sure to be utilized.

May I hope for your co-operation; single-handed little can be done, but if brother Ornithologists will only help, we may expect to collect ample materials, for a really satisfactory History, of the Birds of India.

As soon as the rough notes have all been published, I propose (D. V.) to commence the publication of the Illustrated History of Birds, in which every species known to have occurred in India, Burmah, Ceylon and the Andamans, will be figured.

There are many species, of which good specimens, are still desiderata in my museum, and without these, good original figures cannot be prepared. I would ask you and all others who have the power to do so, to aid me in completing the materials for my illustrated work.

I shall be glad to purchase or exchange birds, when this is considered a *sine qua non*, but when I mention, that the publication of the illustrated work will cost over £20,000, not much more than half of which we can expect to recover, I venture to hope, that many of those really interested in Ornithology, will, so far as they can, gratuitously assist me in collecting materials for the work.

Any letters addressed to me at Agra, will be promptly attended to.

Yours

ALLAN HUME.

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