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My dear Sir

Your recent letter
came to hand just in-time
to enable me to add a few
young males of the Rufous
Montzian to Capt James
his patch of birds
had however joining
his request afforded him
all the advantages of my
long experience & my
of the pheasants in
of the Tibetan Himalayas
so that he was enabled to
comply with the wishes of
the good Lord, though
I expect all as he might
have done had more time
been afforded for procuring
taming & fitting for
journey, our splendid
game birds. I trust that
some of his may neverthe-
-less reach England in
good health, though
if you would make

The expediency of conveying these birds to Europe with all available chances of success, you should make your application, one season, & your transport of the birds, the next one, & so that the birds might be clear of the bay of Bengal by the end of February. As it was, it was too late to collect & quiet down the birds before they were sent off; and I apprehend that their embarkation will also be too late, even if a sufficient quantity be forth coming at Calcutta when you depart, & a vessel is ready to convey them there. Every thing depends on having birds duly prepared for the journey down the country, upon ship.

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or height of the cold weather
- & upon ample room &
careful supervision
on the voyage. With
all these advantages the
birds might be assuredly
conveyed home in high
health, as I witnessed
during my last voyage
to England, without them
there is but a doubtful
chance of success.
I request you will convey
to the Committee my acknow-
- ledgments of their flattering
attention to Doffersfield,
and your suggestion for the
- illustrated publication
- of my Grammatical novelties
if had I not this intimation
5 a little sooner I could have
forwarded with the birds
not only a fine live Parrot
or Tanager, which I did beg
to present the same to the
Society, but also, the
) Spoils of the wild Yak &
of the Tibetan Badger

with one or two more rarities,
particularly a splendid
skinn of the Melanic variety
of the leopard. But the
intimation of your purpose
came too late for that
opportunity of the season
is now so far advanced
that the transportation
of these skins, with any other
I may get in the interior,
had better be postponed
till next season.
I have also now in the
house a healthy young
individual of *Phayous*
-urus strictus or the 5-striped
species. But that is too
great a pet. I suspect to
be parted with, though
I may at all events be
enabled to send you by
Dey an account of its
manners & habits, as
observed under circum-
stances of unusual advan-
-tage. I sent you long ago
a drawing of a fine old male
Cervus affinis. I cannot hope to
get a live sample, but I hope to
procure more skins. I must
do so I will remember. I must
wish. Very truly yours
Wm. H. D. D. D.