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Sir, With reference  
the series of my drawings  
presented to the British  
Museum I have the  
honour to state to you  
on referring to my own  
original drawings  
from which those series  
adverted to were copied  
for transmission to you  
I find these original drawings  
to be in number as  
follows.

Subject

2/ Anatomical Squamata and  
-mical sheets



Ordering or Non-anatomical  
II Mammals

Bats

Quadrupeds

7 sheets

245 sheets

III Birds

Old & new series - - - 826 sheets

IV Fishes, Snakes, Lizards  
Frogs & Tortoises } 24 sheets

3) Of the above <sup>nearly</sup> a complete  
Series of Nos II and III  
(~~including those delivered to you by myself~~  
~~as noted in the original~~  
were ~~transmitted to you~~  
in regular numerical order  
on the smaller scale of  
about 20 inches by 12  
and previously <sup>there had been sent</sup> ~~more than half of a~~ ~~series~~ ~~of~~ ~~plates~~ ~~series~~ ~~of~~ ~~plates~~  
execution & upon a much  
larger scale.

4) Of the anatomical series  
or so I only portions  
were sent to you.



with the drawing of the  
species in question.  
So also of the series. As  
it only a small portion  
was ever transmitted.  
5/ Nevertheless the total  
of drawings transmitted  
<sup>from my collection</sup>  
exceeded greatly what  
would seem I have been  
received by you; and  
the deficiency in your  
series appears <sup>(taking both large & small ones)</sup> to be  
great <sup>particularly in the small sized drawings</sup> that I am led to  
request you will be  
pleased to <sup>send</sup> state to me  
a fresh & <sup>careful</sup> ~~methodical~~  
statement of all the drawings  
you possess <sup>distinguished into greater & lesser sized ones, and</sup> with the addi-  
tional information when  
I whence you received them.  
6/ ~~that~~ You will kindly let  
me have this information  
as soon as possible in order  
that I may wish to



You have recently received from  
 me 52 sheets of Birds & 10 of  
 Mammals & I have this day  
 delivered to you 4 19  
 more sheets of Birds & 1 of Mam-  
 -mals. These you will be  
 pleased to include in your  
 statement as above requested.  
 There can be no question that  
 a ~~very~~ considerable number  
 of drawings, <sup>despatched from India</sup> as <sup>not</sup> <sup>forth coming</sup>  
 at present, if I may judge by the  
 rough Memo. left with me  
 by you; for, my species  
 amount to 823 as per  
 margin; and, not to  
 mention that the larger  
 series of drawings <sup>far advanced in the copy</sup> when the <sup>series</sup> was  
<sup>began</sup> there was <sup>only</sup> a com-  
 -plete series on the smaller  
 scale <sup>transmitted to England</sup> (inclusive of  
 those delivered at Canterbury as above noted) but  
 also several repeated &  
 unrecorded delineations of the  
 same <sup>species in that series</sup> ~~species~~, parti-  
 -cularly among the quadrupeds,  
 and, lastly, in the new & smaller  
 series of drawings there  
 more than one species of

which are the subject of the small  
 series & ought never to be included in it

Nepal  
 Mammals 126  
 Birds 656  
 Tibet  
 Mammals 47

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