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17th January 1866.

No. 58. Read the following letter from the Chief Secretary to Government, Bombay, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Bombay Castle, 25th January 1866, No. 198.

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to forward to you the accompanying copy of a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Playfair, regarding the Catalogue which he is now engaged in preparing of the collection of specimens of Fish, and to request that you will be so good as to intimate whether the Government of Madras would wish for any and what number of copies of the book.

From Lieutenant Colonel R. L. PLAYFAIR, Her Majesty's Consul and Political Agent at Zanzibar, on leave, to the Secretary to Government, Political Department, Bombay; dated London, 15th December 1865.

His Excellency the Governor in Council will remember that, during my residence at Zanzibar, I forwarded from time to time a considerable number of specimens of fish to the Government Central Museum.

2. These were only duplicates, and by no means embraced all the species in my own collection, which contains about 600 species, forming a very complete illustration of the Ichthyology of the East Coast of Africa.

3. I am now engaged, conjointly with Dr. Albert Günther of the British Museum, in preparing a descriptive Catalogue of this collection, which will probably extend to 200 quarto pages of letter press, and will require to be illustrated by about 100 plates of new or hitherto unfigured species.

4. The task which we have undertaken is a very laborious one, and such works cannot be expected to prove remunerative—I mean to the publisher; for while we look for no remuneration ourselves, we are not in a position to afford a heavy pecuniary loss.

5. I have little doubt that a London publisher would undertake the work were he promised some measure of assistance from the State, and perhaps an agreement to take a portion of the impression, say 100 copies, would be sufficient to guarantee him against loss. I am not prepared to state exactly what would be the cost of each copy, probably not more than £2-10, or £3.

6. His Excellency may rest assured that, as far as I am concerned, no pains shall be spared to make the work as complete as possible, and the name of Dr. Günther, undoubtedly the best Ichthyologist of the day, will be a far better guarantee of its character.

7. On my return to Zanzibar I shall endeavour to complete the Government collection up to the standard of my own, so that the work we are engaged on may be considered as a catalogue of the collection now in, or which will probably soon be in, the Government Central Museum.

8. Should His Excellency the Governor in Council be pleased to afford the assistance I have suggested, I would solicit the favor of an early reply, as I should like the work to be completed before my leave of absence expires, and the plates will take a considerable time in execution.

No. 59. To the Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, dated Fort Saint George. 17th February 1866, No. 175.

In reply to your letter of the 25th ultimo, No. 198, I am directed to inform you that this Government will take ten copies of the descriptive Catalogue of Lieutenant Colonel Playfair's collection of specimens of Fish, if the price per copy does not exceed £(3) three.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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From The Chief Secretary to Government of Bombay.
Dated 25th January 1866.

For Orders.

We might take three or four
copies - not more I think - if
the price does not exceed Rs. 3.

Very truly yours,

J.P.

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Public Department.

N^o 175

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The Chief Secretary to the Government
of Bombay.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of
the 25th ultimo N^o 198, I am directed
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the descriptive Catalogue, therein
referred to, of Lieutenant Colonel
Mayfair's Collection of specimens
of Fish, if the price per copy
does not exceed £1/3/6.

For & St. Leger
17 February 1888.

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Lucie Webb Shepard

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