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BRITISH MUSEUM (NATURAL HISTORY),

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19th February, 1925.

Dear Captain Wilkins,

When I saw from your letter of the 23rd October that you would not be within reach of mail until March I did not reply at once. Unfortunately extreme pressure of work since the beginning of the calendar year has made it difficult for me to write to you before. As the mail takes such a long time to reach Australia I thought it advisable to cable you so that you would know at once that the suggestion contained in your letter is quite satisfactory.

In response to the request contained in your letter from Darwin I arranged for the sum asked for, namely £300, to be paid to your credit in Brisbane, and the draft should have arrived before the end of November.

I much appreciate your desire to meet us by continuing your work until May or June, and hope that you may be able to secure a good collection of specimens. I notice that you propose to return to London and when your arrangements have been completed I shall be glad to know when and by what steamer you may be expected to arrive. The results of your Expedition, although perhaps not so great in quantity as had previously been expected, have been of considerable interest, and I feel confident that when the time comes for a complete report on the Expedition to be laid before the Trustees they will be of opinion that it has resulted in most valuable accessions. I hope that the arrangements you have made here and there for specimens to be collected by local collectors will result/

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result in further material coming to the Museum.

I hope you continue in good health and shall be interested to hear of your adventures while out of reach of mail in the northern part of the continent.

Yours sincerely,

G. F. Herbert Smith