

30<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1886.

Dear Sir,

From very kind letters  
with the offer of specimens of  
Antocarpeae from St. Thomas  
Island has reached me & I  
hasten to say that I appreciate  
very highly your kindness & that  
I shall be extremely glad to  
have the specimens you refer  
to & indeed specimens of  
any Antocarpeae which you  
can send or procure for

we. The difficulties in this way  
of identifying species of the group  
are immense & a very large  
collection of individual forms  
offers the only possible mode of  
arriving at a satisfactory  
determination after special  
visits to various countries and  
inspection of living plants.

Thanking you for your  
kindness I am dear Sir

very faithfully yours

Isaac Bayley Balfour

Prof. Harvey



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