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1837-05-16

From Wombwell, George (1777-1850)

To Clark, J.W.

Perissodactyla, Rhinocerotidae, *Rhinoceros unicornis*

Text:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter containing your offer of £30 for the skeleton of the rhinoceros, which sum is not according to my estimation, nearly the value of it. Perhaps you are not aware that the expense of setting up the bones amounted to the price you have offered & though a young animal it was a full grown one and one of the largest that has yet been brought into the country. It is not my intention to dispose of it for less than £100. It will be in Birmingham on Wednesday where it will remain till Monday.

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1838-01-16

From: Wombwell, George (1777-1850)

Royal Menagerie, Ashford, Kent

To Clark, J.W.

Perissodactyla, Rhinocerotidae, *Rhinoceros unicornis*

Text

I am sorry to be obliged to inform you off the misfortune we have had in the loss of our female Rhinoceros which died yesterday morning in a fit. She was in the most perfect health, and never had anything the matter with her before she expired. We will send her as she is up to London to our yard and if you should be desirous of having it, you will please to write by return of post and say the most you will give for it. She is as large as the stuffed specimen you seen in our collection. The favour of your answer directed to me at the Animal Depot, Commercial Road, Limehouse, London, will oblige.