

Papers and Opinions on the Subject of
Private Collecting.

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I want to register my heartiest approval of your article in the January "Emu" on "Private Collections and Permits." I had never seen the article until two or three days ago, when both the January and April issues of "The Emu" came to my attention—the latter with its insipid, irrelevant rebuttals. It is curious how absolutely parallel your own experiences and conclusions in these regards in South Australia have been with my own in California. Just to show you how similar our views

are, I am sending you some publications of my own. Please read especially the last paper of mine, on "The Trend of Avian Populations in California." After all, however, I feel pretty pessimistic about the situation. The sentimentalists are overwhelmingly in the majority, and backed by shrewdly administered organizations with money for securing "protection" without limit. I wonder if it would do you or your cause any good for me to write a letter to the Editor of "The Emu," setting forth briefly, but vigorously, my grounds for approving of your stand.

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You are welcome to use any extracts you want from the printed papers I sent you. I have just read your communication in July "Emu," and agree heartily with every principle and sentiment therein set forth.
