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German Consul, 9. 3. 89. 89
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Dear Professor.

I have just returned from Malacca, where I have been for a few days staying with the Resident Governor (English), and have arranged with him the details of my first trip and for him to receive and send carefully on to Penang my collections. I send down the rivers to his province. I first called on the Governor of Singapore and interested him in the work I am engaged on and from him obtained letters to all English officials in the Peninsula to help me in all ways possible, and a personal introduction to the Sultan of Johore, with similar written introductions to the native Rajas of the other states. I have

thus laid a good
foundation for a
thorough research
from Singapore to
Siam and, cutting
expenses as low as
possible, trust that the
collections will realize
enough to now defray
the cost of the jungle
travel and transport
so as to satisfy both.

I am to-morrow
going to stay for a
week with the Sultan
of Johore, by invitation,
who promises to do
all that he can to
help my object, having
sent out orders to his
head men in his
territory to furnish
any man, boat or
information required.
The Bandahara of
Pahang the adjoining
territory has replied
to His Excellency
the Governor there
that he will do
otherwise when
required. I am very

and arrangements
from the King of Siam
to get up as far as
Senggora & Ligor where
the aboriginal
appears to terminate
but this is not yet
definitely snapped out
and will form the
subject of a later letter
to you. Of course, as I go
along the rivers I find
out any tribes in the
neighborhood as they are
continually shifting about.

I enclose a rough
sketch of proposed
routes.

The result of various
information, since
MacLays trip of 1875,
appears to be that while
there probably is some
actual difference between
the Semang of the North
and the Sakai as far
south as the boundary
between Pahang & Johore,
yet that there alone is
to be found the unmixed
aboriginal - In Johore as

in Sungai Ujong. Negro Semang
and the Western side of
Selangor & Kedah. There only
exist a very mixed blood
though much of it from
Malomedan. In Johore
is said to be one or two
settlements of quite wild
race in the very heart
of the jungle. and some
of evidently fabulous
stories are told of the
Gargassi tribe near
Palang, but it is certain
that the words Orang Put
liar - jina - rayet - didalun
bukit - gumong - laut - &c
once applied as if to
distinguish separated
tribes. are not really so
used. They are merely
Malay terms to indicate
the position or place
where any number of
aboriginals may be
for a time. The Semang
Sakei, or Jakoon, as the
case may be not using
the distinction themselves

Do you require any
Malay crania. I can
by arrangement with
the Gov. officers obtain
some with probable
record of a few generations
If you wish to obtain
a number for an
average. they are easily
procured.

At your leisure
you might send me
a list of what you can
find of use for your
self on exchange, apart
from anthropology. with
the numbers or quantities
of each. There are many
things here I could
send of value to others
which would help
to render the trips
self-supporting and
enable me to devote a
time among any
special tribe, studying
habits & customs, after
collection of exhibits
had been made.

I am looking
forward to a letter from

you & news of Professor
Vernon. to whom please
give my warmest
& most sincere good
wishes & salutations.

I shall have to look
out for tigers and the
ophiophagus elaps. Four
blinamen carried off
by the former & two Malay
killed by the latter during
the past fortnight. Death
by cobra is so common
that like cholera it does
not attract much notice
not much attacking
Europeans in either case.

It is not dangerous
but difficult in transport
of rice &c. that is likely
to hinder me. it is such
an exceedingly difficult
jungle to pierce, once
off the rivers or paths.
though that is the more
pleasure in accomplishing
it.

With best regards

I remain

Sincerely yours

H. C. Vaughan - Stevens

pleased and satisfied
with prospects so far
have every probability
of being able to do good
and valuable work
for the "Völkerkunde"

after long and
repeated discussion
with those experienced
in the Asiatic
Society (of which I am
an honorary member)
have arranged the
following plan as a
start.

Singapore to Kuala
Lindan (sea), thence (river)
to Kuala Penbrong and
river also, Sungai Mas.

This I do by the
Sultan's boat. Thence
after seeing the Madak tribe
of Jakuns I walk along
the central mountain
ranges some 80 (eighty)
miles of pathless
jungle, interviewing
some reputed tribes
on the way, to "Ulu Kera"
with next to the Temu tribe
of aborigines, thence south
to the Palong river where

A boat and men will
meet me sent from
Singapore by the Sultan
by way of the River Muar
One boat returns down
the Muar and sea coast
to the Governor of Malacca
carrying with it the
collection I make up to
the Semu tribe, so as to
diminish the loads and
the number of men to
carry, for here no horses
can be employed, there
being no roads, and the
jungle in which these
aborigines live being
so dense, with rivers
and swamps everywhere
to be swum or forded.
I then take the
other boat ~~down~~ the river
Palong to its junction
with the Muar and
up the Muar into the
small state of Jeloh
where I find the Mentra
tribes. Then on to Malacca
by road made as far
as Turrang.

The next trip to
be from Malacca to
Pahang. Tringgann
Malantan and Patani
states having letters

OUTLINE MAP OF THE MALAY PENINSULA

first trip
second trip

States and Regions: KEDAH, PERLIS, KELANTAN, LARUT, PERAK, SELANGOR, KLANG, UJONG, PAHANG, JOHOR, SINGAPORE.

Rivers: Perak River, Bernam R., Linggi River, Ulu Bera, Sungai Pahang, Sungai Temenggor, Sungai Johor.

Geographical Features: STRAIT OF MALACCA, Isthmus of Kra, CHINA, SEA OF JAPAN.

Handwritten Notes: "Semiang", "Lakei", "Malah", "River Muar", "Kuala Endau", "Kuala Sembawang".

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WALA. SENTERONG

River Muar