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PHILLIPINE ISLANDS, BUREAU OF HEALTH

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20 July 1914.

Dear Sir,

I desire to thank you for your letter of June 15th, and for so kindly informing us of the native obstetrical chair that is used in the island of Samar, Philippine Archipelago. We should very much like a specimen of this chair forwarded to us, and we think if it is packed in a crate it would probably reach London quite safely.

I may say that the Museum will be quite willing to pay the cost of forwarding the chair, if you will send it to us carriage forward.

Thanking you very cordially for your kind assistance and for the trouble you have taken in the matter, and trusting you will be able to secure a specimen of the chair for us,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

*C. T.*

Victor G. Meiser Esq.,  
Bureau of Health for the Philippine Islands,

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LETTER RECEIVED.  
20 JUL 1914

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF HEALTH FOR THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

Manila, June 15, 1914.

The Curator,  
International Historical Medical Museum,  
54 A Wigmore Street,  
London, W. (England).

Sir:

During February, 1914, this office received from Mr. Henry S. Wellcome, the founder of the International Historical Medical Museum, a letter setting forth the purposes of the museum, and requesting the aid of this Bureau toward securing such objects as might be suitable for preservation therein.

This office is in receipt of information that in one or two towns of the northeast coast of the island of Samar, Philippine Archipelago, there is a native **obstetrical chair** peculiar to this region and apparently unknown elsewhere. The chair is constructed of bamboo and wood, and, as it occupies a space of about one cubic meter, will probably be quite expensive to transport from Samar to London. Information is respectfully requested as to whether it is desired that a specimen of this obstetrical chair be forwarded, and if so, whether the cost of forwarding will be paid by the Museum.

Very respectfully,

*David F. Austin*  
Director of Health

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Philippine Islands  
Reiser

January 19, 1914.

Dr. Henry S. Wellcome,  
International Historical Medical Museum,  
London, W., England.

Sir:

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Your letter with regard to the museum sent to the Director of Health has been forwarded to me for reply. This Bureau has no material objects such as are desired by the museum, which we could send to you. We have a few publications referring to the appliances used in medicine, surgery, dentistry, etc. by various peoples of the Islands. Such references would be The Bontoc Igorot, pages 71, 72, 73, and 74; and The Subanuns of Sindangan Bay, page 51. A folder showing publications of this Bureau is enclosed herewith. I am forwarding your letter to the librarian of the Philippines Library suggesting that anything of historical interest which can be spared be made available to you.

I am,

Very respectfully,

ALVIN J. COX

Acting Director, Bureau of Science.

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THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF SCIENCE  
MANILA

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU

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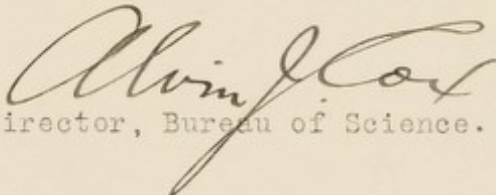
Dr. Henry S. Wellcome,  
International Historical Medical Museum,  
London, England.

Sir:

Replying to your letter recently received  
at this Bureau, I have the honor to invite your  
attention to my letter of January 19, 1914, a copy  
of which is attached hereto.

I am,

Very respectfully,

  
Director, Bureau of Science.

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PHILLIPINE ISLANDS, BUREAU OF SCIENCE

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THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF HEALTH FOR THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

Manila, January 8, 1914.

Dr. Henry S. Wellcome,  
International Historical Medical Museum,  
54 A. Wigmore Street,  
London, England.

Sir:

Your circular letter asking for books, manuscripts, and other suitable material for the International Historical Medical Museum has been received and sent to the Director of the Bureau of Science with the request that he will send such material as he may have.

The Bureau of Health has been so much occupied with other matters that it has not given proper attention to the primitive medical conditions of the country, but when the opportunity affords the work will be taken up, and your request will be kept on file for such donations as the Bureau may be able to make.

Very respectfully,

*Osma S. Nolasco*  
Director of Health.

N/s

Philipine Islands.

Bureau of Health.