17. From T. W. Rhys Davids, Secretary, Royal Asiatic Society, 22 Albemarle Street, to W. C. Peppé in Birdpore, dated 3 June 1898

Expresses gratitude to Peppé for his 'careful exploration and great discovery'. Council has decided to print his article 'as it stands' although his plans were torn in the post. Peppé's photo does not show the inscription, so they have added a photo of 'the similar Sonari vase'. Asks if he may propose Peppé as a fellow of the society.

Royal Asiatic Society, 22 Albemarle Street, London, W. 3 June 1898

Dear Sir,

It is impossible to say how grateful we are all to you for your careful exploration & great discovery. Unfortunately the plans were all torn in the post. But the discovery is so important that the Council decided to print the article as it stands, at once, rather than wait for fresh plans. The photograph of the vase does not show all the inscription. So we have added, & chiefly for a more even [?] eye, a photo of the similar Sonāri vase, in the hope that you will be able to send us a new photo of your vase done in the same way.

Will you allow me to propose you as a member of this Society. We should be proud to have you with us.

Yours sincerely T. W. Rhys Davids Secy