

Birdpore, N.W.P.

April 18, 1898

Dear Sir,

I am very sorry I have been so long in writing and also in answering your two letters. I have been very busy and I wished to wait till I heard what government intended doing with the relics and bones I found.

I have made over the bones to Government and they are going to send them to the King of Siam with a request that he sends to you and the Buddhists of Ceylon a portion. The coffer and vases (?) are placed in the museum in Calcutta. I will send the answers to your questions today. (?)

I sent you under registered cover a parcel containing 21 of the relics I found in the vases and I hope you will accept them as a present from me. You will see how beautifully they are made.

Should you at any time wish to visit these parts, now interesting to Buddhists, I shall be very pleased to put you up and do what I can to make your visit pleasant and interesting. Be very careful how you open the parcel and take the contents out in a plate as you may lose some.

With kind regards,

Yours Sincerely

W. C. Peppé

*(A note has been added at the top of the letter: Sir, I have only addressed the parcel Waskaduwe and not Kalatura. Please see that you get the parcel.)*