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My Dear M^r Cooke

I send by this days post the matter continuous with p.33a which I sent yesterday namely 33a - $43a\ \&\ then$ the continuation of that 43a numbered 1 - 12~&c~&c~andwill send all continuously as quickly as I can [0002]look over & insert the additions that any questions elicit.

Would M^r Murray's friend mind looking over 33a 43a hurry it on to the printer & then see it properly paged & out of hand. It is rather black from Prof Owen & Oswells corrections and I notice that all corrections & commas are [0003]at times not put in If these are looked after & the sense not materially altered it would help us on with double speed -

Want of looking up [if] all the corrections are inserted has entailed more labour than need have been.

I send also a first proof I sent yesterday with corrections of my [0004]my own. A word sometimes left out as in the case of "Indigo & Senna leaves" in one slip makes it impossible for anyone to understand Exchange this now sent, namely First proof 201 - 217 for the same if now corrected "send it to Oswell - William Oswell Esq.

Gronbridge Tunbridge Wells [0005]

I like his corrections because having been much in Africa he brings things to remembrance that I don't think of adverting to

The Contents of [chapters] were once sent to the Printer but have been lost sight of I send new ones & all hereafter [0006] to be sent will be to be got

out of hand unless some obscurity or want is to be made clear or supplied.

My reason for writing to you instead of to M^r Murray is to divide the bother I am to him. I enclose [0007] a letter from M^r John Crawford and I want a little information about "stone periods"

Is Tylor a reliable authority and would you spare a minute just to say where the African "stone age" is proved [0008] & could you get me the Examiner

Pray excuse

David Livingstone

I send also wood cuts - to be inserted when the matter is page - your Milliton will keep his eye on the printer that all the corrections noted be introduced The rest will all come to you Indian file for good as soon as the reach 2^d Revises

The slips are addressed to M^r Murray