

## Letter to Robert Cooke, 20 March 1865

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My Dear M<sup>r</sup> 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 and  
will send all  
continuously as  
quickly as I can  
[0002]  
look over & insert the  
additions that any  
questions elicit.

Would M<sup>r</sup> 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<sup>r</sup> Murray is  
to divide the  
bother I am to  
him. I enclose  
[0007]  
a letter from M<sup>r</sup>  
John Crawford  
and I want a  
little inform-  
ation 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<sup>d</sup> Revises

The slips are addressed to M<sup>r</sup> Murray