

Letter to Peter Le Neve Foster, 23 February 1865

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My Dear M^r Foster

I ought to have
thanked you long
ago for your kindness
in searching for &
sending me the very
copy of the journal
I needed - but I have
been so busy that
the duty has been
neglected till I need
your help again

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trusting that you are
of a merciful dis-
position I have to beg
that you will for-
ward the following
enquiry to M^r
Simmonds at your
convenience - Whether
the amount of
ivory brought into
the markets of the
world now is as
great as in 1853
or when he wrote the
letter to you after
Professor Owen's

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lecture - [in 1857] I cannot
make out whether
the amount he
quoted included
all that goes from
East Africa to
India & China &
as I mean to
quote his statement
in a footnote
I should very

much like to
know if he
thinks the amount
now obtained
from all countries

[0004]
be equal to 10,000 cwts
It makes a destruction
of some 30 000
elephants necessary
Will you kindly
forward this
enquiry to him
and ask him to
excuse my
intrusion

I am Dear Sir
Very faithfully
David Livingstone