

## Letter to Peter Le Neve Foster, 23 February 1865

*Livingstone, David, 1813-1873*

Published by Livingstone Online ([livingstoneonline.org](http://livingstoneonline.org))

[0001]

23 Feby 1865

My Dear M<sup>r</sup> 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

[0002]

trusting that you are  
of a merciful dis-  
position I have to beg  
that you will for-  
ward the following  
enquiry to M<sup>r</sup>  
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

[0003]

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