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Dear Mr. Sandford

I would have written you
sooner if I had been able
to say anything definite
about the elephants, or about
Mr. Carter who is recommend-
ed as a suitable person to
accompany the explorative
party

Now however it is arranged

That Mr. Carter shall start
for Brussels on Monday.

The King saw him and
approved of this arrangement.
I think you will find him
suitable for the object in view
and I give him this note as
an introduction to you. Perhaps
You will be good enough to
present him to Baron Strauch.

I am glad to find that it
quite suits the arrangements of

Committee in Brussels that
the Explorers should embark
on the British India Co Steamer
in London on 17th April. If
Mr. Carter is approved by the
Council he will also I dare say
embark at the same time,
and I shall therefore reserve
accommodation ^{on the Steamer} for three travellers
instead of two

I have not been able to acknow-
ledge the two very polite letters
I have received from Baron

Stauch owns to many
pressing engagements, but on
Monday I hope to visit him
fully. Might I ask you to
explain this to him

We had a long meeting at
Stafford House today & have
adjourned it until Tuesday

I have just returned from
Marlborough House when I
was invited by the King's invitation
to attend a program and take leave
of H. M.

I hope if you come to London
while we remain here that you
will give me an opportunity of
calling on you. Believe me,
— Sandford very truly Yours
W Mackinnon