

When do
you return to
Brussels?

Balmukill
Cuckham & W. W. W. W.

Oct 10. 1879
Midnight

Dear Mr. Sanford

Just a few lines to say
I have rec^d. yours of 8th as well
as previous letters and
apologise for the delay in
answring you. I shall try to
write you to Brussels, tomorrow
or Monday.

I have just finished a long
letter to Strauch in reply to
2 or 3 letters I have had from
him abt the various matters
to which you refer. Have

have to read portions of the
whole of my letter to you as
I will save me writing you
along letter on the same
subjects

I am with you as well
your views.

Anderson is a man above
some of the things can secure
his services. I have so written
to Strauch.

Carter needs two men you
think and a ~~deer~~ elephant
trained to catching &
taming wild ones.

Read today a nice letter

From D. Kirk and our
interesting one hundred
thousand bolts & threads
to lay them before the King
I have got an account for
the elephants purchased

Including cost of elephants
fitting outfit - advances
to Mahants attendants
&c paid to Gallacher to
date of discharge monthly
allowances to families of
Mahants & attendants food
pantry money of all
(but not freight on elephants)
the total amount is

Rs. 13986/- = abt £1170 -

The freight I am trying to fix
at the lowest possible point

I have telegraphed to India
to indicate the lowest which
it would be at all right to
the steamers we should pay.

In addition to this there is
a deposit of Rs. 16000/ to cover
pensions &c to the Indians if
they die in the service. This
will be returned ^{in the way of the money} on getting a
guarantee from some one authorized
by the King for the Pensions.
Instead of such guarantee I
could suggest that the King should
instruct me to invest the amt
Rs. 16000/ in India at 4%
Securities and lodge the same with
the Govt. Interest on this would
pay the pensions.

Excuse my hurried note I
will pass my memory through records
to my Sancho. Believe me
very sincerely yours
W. Mackenzie