

BALINAKILL  
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Dear Mr. Sanford

I arrived here yesterday  
afternoon without feeling  
much fatigue. The weather  
continued fine and I had a  
long walk today to the end  
of the road I am making  
on the hill snow. Perhaps  
I did a little too much. Mrs  
MacKinnon taking great  
care of me. Hope she won't  
spoil me by over much nursing  
She & her sister Miss Jameson

desire me to send kindest  
remembrances to Mr. Sampford  
of you.

Before leaving London I left  
Florida matters in Mr.  
Dowse's hands: He will do  
all he can in my absence  
and will look after the  
financial arrangements we  
talked about forming a  
sufficient number of subscribers  
to begin with

I regret very much that  
my illness prevented me  
doing more while I was

in London. In a day or  
two after I have ~~so~~ had  
a little time to recruit I  
shall write you at greater  
length and I shall also hope  
to write Brand & Morrison  
I think the way in which  
you put the matter as to  
proper of cash ~~under~~  
when <sup>subscribed</sup> total is £40000 & not  
over 60000 should quite  
meet the case

I have read the marked  
articles in the South Florida  
Journal. They quite bear out  
I think ~~your~~ bear out your

our views

Mr. Somerset Beaumont  
Called on me after you  
left & sat for half an hour  
but we did not get into the  
question of his cutting a share  
in the Florida Venture on Sir  
Dunlop Forsy the same. I  
returned his call but he had  
gone to spend Sunday in the  
Country. I got an order starting  
on Monday Tuesday morning  
I had a note from him expressing  
his regret at not seeing me  
again

I am very sorry about the  
Second Elephant. I cannot  
believe that the Story Carter gives  
on the authority of the Hunts  
can be true. I see it repeated in

The "Globe" a cutting from  
which I send you here in the  
my own opinion is the annual  
died from overwork and  
want of the "comforts" I had  
been accustomed to from its  
youth upwards.

I see references made in  
the article to our children

I am so sorry to hear Col  
Straucher is suffering so much  
from cold, but hope he will  
soon be quite better. I hope  
to write him a long  
letter. I have a good deal  
to tell him. The ten no doubt  
has been returned by the

post, its transport was  
entrusted to the agency  
of J. C. Macracken who  
was much recommended to  
me for such work by Mr  
Philip S. Phelps Esq. I  
hope we now it has reached  
Court John & West Streets  
his approval.

Please remember me very  
kindly to Mrs Sanford  
and Believe me

Very sincerely Yours  
W Macracken

If the weather keeps fine  
and you have a day or

two to spare before you  
start for New York you  
may be induced to take  
a run down here?