

Hotel Continental 75
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Dear Mr. Sanford

Thank you very much
for your note.

I am glad you got safely
to your destination altho' you
had a cold run. Here it was
bitterly cold.

Col. Strauch telegraphed me
after he met you that he had
given up the idea of coming here
for the present, asking me at
the same time to ~~for~~ await further
instructions before telegraphing
Calcutta about the elephants.

Pere Charmentant, called
today. I explained to him the
difficulties in the way of
getting the elephants he
wants and also of transport
for them. He informs me
there is no lack of food for
them on the route from
Zumbur to Tougouryka,
the greatest difficulty is want
of water in some places. This
might be obviated perhaps
by "Norton's" pumps. He will
explain to you & Col. Swartz
all he knows on this subject
& his explanations may
help the Committee to a
final decision

I think we shall remain
here until Wednesday
possibly Thursday, I would
have offered to return home
via Brussels if I could
have been of the slightest
service there.

I daresay Capt^l Popelin
& party will reach London
in good time for the
Sailing of the "Cherbourg"
on the 17th. I shall hope to
see them before they embark
but anyhow they will ^{find} every-
thing ready for them.

We desire to unite our kind
regards to Mrs. Sanford &
Yourself Believe me
Yours sincerely
W Mackinnon