

Hotel Continental
Paris April 14/79

Dear Mr. Sanford

Since writing you a few days
ago I have to thank you
for your two letters of that date.
Your conversation with Pincuff
explains the position very much
as I expected & I agree that there
is a good deal to be said in
favor of the position he takes up.
His bargain with the Committee
of the High Court is not altogether
unfounded, and as it is clearly
understood among all parties
that the bargain only affects

The proposed trading association
as an association, and in
no way whatever restricts or
restrains the individual action
of any or all the members
of the Association of the
Upper Course, I am satisfied
to let the thing stand as is.
If ultimately Purcopp, Co becomes
absorbed in the new undertaking
that would settle all questions.

Lord Reay & Mr Donald
Currie are in Paris and they
came to my rooms here this
morning. We had a long discussion
in regard to the affair. Currie
is advised that the Association

as at present formed involves
unlimited liability. This I know
is not the intention of the
Committee. Whether the fact is
so or not I cannot
tell, but it is of course practically
"limited" by the objects of ^{the Committee} ~~it~~ arises
at and by those who have
the control of it. In its present
shape the Council will certainly
see that no more money will
be spent than the amount
subscribed. No provision is made
in the Statutes for expenditures
exceeding the subscriptions.

I am quite content with it,
in all things, altho' to meet
possible discount at the base

idea of the possibility of
"unlimited" liability on the part
of Lady Biddell Smith & the
Duke of Sutherland, it would
do us harm to organize the
Association as "limited" & legal
form. This is a matter of detail,
however and gives me no concern.

As to the Elephants I daresay
I shall hear more from you
tomorrow ^{after} Pere Charnetaut discusses
the matter with the King. Your
suggestion that they might remain
at some point on the Mainland
ready for the journey is a good
one. If they are not got now I
fear they would not come in
for use by the present Expedition

Pere Charmetant wishes to
have two fresh parties who
expect to arrive at Zanzibar
a month later than Capt
Popelin

I am very sorry indeed to
learn that the King is
suffering from a cold. The
weather has been of the
most disagreeable kind, but
today we have a pleasant
change and I hope His Majesty
will soon be well again

It is very gratifying indeed to
me to know that he is so
good as to speak so kindly
of the poor services I have been

been able to render in furtherance
of the African Scheme he has
so much at heart. I only
wish I could do a very great
deal more to show him how
thoroughly I sympathize in
the sentiments which prompt
him to espouse so warmly
the cause of poor down
trodden Africa

My wife desires to send
her kind regards with mine
to Mr. Sampson & yourself

Believe me
Yours very sincerely
W. Mackenzie

I think we shall probably
leave Paris for London on
Wednesday morning. If
we decide to remain longer
you shall hear from me by
telegraph tomorrow evening
or Wednesday morning.