

BALINAKILL  
CLACHAN  
ARGYLESKIRE

Dec. 24. 1879

Dear Mr. Sanford

Only a few lines tonight  
to say I have received yours  
of 22<sup>nd</sup>.

My wife joins me in  
congratulating you on the  
satisfactory report your own  
Physician gives you of Mr.  
Sanford's health. We hope  
sincerely his report may be  
confirmed by the result &  
that Mr. Sanford may be  
quite relieved from all his  
pains in regard to the action

of the heart and that her  
General health may soon  
be quite reestablished.

This evening I received the  
enclosed important letter  
about Florida affairs from  
Mr. Daves. It is written to  
a friend of D. Mackenzie's  
son. Even the writer & his  
friends have anticipated  
you. Please return the  
letter & give me your views  
Should we try to get into  
the scheme or get down to  
business have say  $\frac{1}{3}$  or  $\frac{1}{4}$ <sup>100</sup>

of it, would that work  
into your plan?

I am glad you are not  
hurrying away. We  
may meet in London  
if not here before you go.

I have written Strachan  
to get some fine extract  
of ~~the~~ your letter I wrote  
my nephew to Calcutta  
to get about two dozen  
leaves. You will see it  
I also send him letters from  
Bombay telling us to get five  
up down in deposit and pay  
Harrison. The total outlay

therefore of the King in  
the Leppinets candid will  
be ab<sup>t</sup> £1700 including  
£500 for prelate

I hope to hear by word  
ab<sup>t</sup> any doubts I will  
advise you

I had a party frenchman  
are so jealous, yet they do  
very little themselves in  
affairs. I hope your efforts  
will prevent clashing.

We unite in wishing Mrs  
Sampson & you a very happy  
Christmas & New Year and  
many happy returns. Mrs  
James & I are in all this  
Believe me yours very sincerely  
W Mathewson