

Hotel de Russie
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Dear Mr. Sampson.

I have to thank you for
Your two kind notes. Receipt
of the fish I was able to acknow-
ledge on the envelope of my last
note to you. The second I received
y. day evening

Stranck will have a very
wearisome journey to Gibraltar
at this season of the year & I
hardly think he can enjoy it.
I hope he may get on comfortably
with Stanley, regarding whose

arrangements my views
entirely coincide with yours
It would have been much
better had it been possible for
Stanley to come to Brussels. For
my own part I cannot see
why it should not have been
possible.

I am glad to think there is
a probability of our meeting
in the Ry Carriages en route
to Brussels on Tuesday. We
hope to be able to start with
the 9 AM train from Cologne
altho' we have rather a fancy
to go down the Rhine first

Biebrich to Bonn. This, ^{however} would
prevent our getting to Brussels
before Wednesday, so I think
we shall have to give up.

A copy of Dr. Vanden Kerk's
Sketch and account of the
landing of the elephants has
reached me from Brussels
today. It runs so very much
in the same strain as Mrs
Kirk's report that the latter
loses its interest, and is
probably not worth while
sending it to the King, I enclose
it to you however and also
Dr. Kirk's letter. Please kindly
exercise your discretion as to
whether you will send either

To His Majesty . . . Dr. Kirk
makes two or three observations
about the secrecy observed as to
Stanley's objects which perhaps
You may think it undesirable
that King should read. But I
leave it with you.

My wife and her sister desire
to join me in kind regards to
Mr. Sanford and yourself

Believe me

Very truly yours

W. Mackinnon