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My Dear M^r Foster

I ought to have thanked you long ago for your kindness in searching for & sending me the very copy of the journal I needed - but I have been so busy that the duty has been neglected till I need your help again

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trusting that you are of a merciful disposition I have to beg that you will forward the following enquiry to M^r Simmonds at your convenience - Whether the amount of ivory brought into the markets of the world now is as great as in 1853 or when he wrote the letter to you after Professor Owen's

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lecture - [in 1857] I cannot make out whether the amount he quoted included all that goes from East Africa to India & China & as I mean to quote his statement

in a footnote
I should very
much like to
know if he
thinks the amount
now obtained
from all countries

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be equal to 10,000 cwts
It makes a destruction
of some 30 000
elephants necessary
Will you kindly
forward this
enquiry to him
and ask him to
excuse my
intrusion

I am Dear Sir
Very faithfully
David Livingstone