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My Dear Sir

I returned to London last Monday, and I found that three papers had been announced to be read at the Geological Society on Wednesday, so that it was not possible for me to fulfil my intention of having your valued communication read on that evening.

I was very sorry to learn from your son on Saturday evening that you had been so very seriously indisposed. I fear that your having met my daughter & me at the Jardin des Plantes on the preceding day may have brought on your painful attack. I thank you sincerely for the copies of your papers that your son brought to me. I was glad to make his acquaintance, for his countenance & manner are much calculated to prepossess one in his favour. Should it form any part of his plan of education to visit London, it would give me great pleasure to see him in my house.



I have not only read but have translated  
your communication to the Geological  
Society. It is extremely interesting; and, as  
far as I know, brings forward for the first  
time the conclusive irresistible evidence  
of the co-existence of man with certain extinct  
quadrupeds. I intend that it shall be the  
first paper read at the Society on the  
15<sup>th</sup> Instant, which is our next meeting, &  
I have no doubt that it will excite a great  
amount of interest, & give rise to much  
discussion. I wish that you could be present.  
Lyell is truly happy that you have brought  
so important a subject before us.

There are a few points in your paper which  
I must beg the favour of you to explain at your  
earliest convenience.

1. "avec entailles si profondes qui paroissent avoir été  
faites avec un instrument à tranchant flexueux"  
I do not well understand what you mean by a  
tranchant flexueux - for the translation  
literally would be a flexible edge - now I  
do not comprehend a flexible edge existing  
in any thing but a very thin steel steel plate.  
<sup>it is</sup> incompatible in a flint.
2. "rapporte au Ceruus - am I right in reading the  
next word - Sommensis?"
3. W - Menckcourt?
4. when you mention the anomia in the  
Megaceros horn, you go on to say - "j'ai observé



des Marques produites par un outil tranchant  
sur un bois du jeune Mésaceros que feu M. de l'Origny  
avait reçu d'Irlande."

You insert a word after "Marques" which I cannot  
decipher - can you recollect what it must be?

5. You say - "je n'ai, en rapprochant les Textes  
d'Oppien, de Julius Capitolinus, d'Alaric  
et de Munster rien trouvé de..."

It would be very desirable to give references to  
the passages in the Works of the above named  
authors which bear upon the subject under  
discussion.

6. When you say - "comme l'a déjà remarqué  
M. Owen, en ce qui touche les îles Britan-  
niques" - do you mean that Owen  
has adopted the view of Dr Hibbert, from  
which you depart?

7. "Le Cerf Eleph" do I translate thus rightly -  
Ceruus Elephas?

Believe me My Dear Sir  
With great respect  
Very faithfully Yours  
Leonard Horner



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