

Knowles
June 29. 1844

Sir

I have been this morning honored
with yours of the 23rd Inst. & beg to return
my best acknowledgments for your kind
assistance not on this account alone,
but on many others previous, as I have
been fully informed by W. J. Smith
of the ready aid you have always afforded
in enabling him to carry out my
wishes of obtaining the various inter-
esting productions of the Democratic
countries. It is a great pleasure to think in
how many instances your kind ex-
-tensions in my favor have been pro-
-duced by the conjoint efforts of the

changed climate & the length of the voyage
which have been particularly destructive
in the case of the Cheviots of which
I fear I must say that the only individual
which has survived the transit, & still
lives is a very fine specimen of the *Mus*
Thos. lineatus of Gatham. which however
we cannot induce to cross with any
I can say other kind. I earnestly hope
that those announced in your present
Letter may prove more successful.
By L^d. Smith's advice I am about to
send out in the next evening Month
a person from hence to aid L^d.
on the spot in the care of the young
animals, & to take charge of them
on the Transit to this Country, partly
by the Overland, & partly by the Sea.

Voyage This person is my principal super
intendant here. & he will take an office
out or two with him to promote this
Division of the forces on the return.
If you sh^d happen to see Mr. Gillson
D. Hope or Falconer, they can tell
you the whole of the Plan. & he yet
remaining in London when he goes
up, I shall venture to give him a
letter of Introduction to you in order
that he may profit by any hints you may
be disposed to afford him. Should you
be aware by what step the affair
your letter has announced to me will
be conveyed you will much oblige
me by the intelligence, that I sh^d
put in train the requisite enquiries
after her. Do remain
Sir yours much obliged
Dorset