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Dear Mather,

Many thanks for your letter. I shall probably not be in London myself until the 14th., but Dr. Bliss will be here in the Lab. expecting you on the 13th. I think he would be glad, and it would be a very good thing if you could manage it, if you could spend some time with him during the following week or so, so as to make sure that you understand fully his stocks of grouse locusts and his records of them and can take over their care, and so relieve him of further anxiety about them.

There is a curious point about Habour's paper, about which I have not yet written to him, but it looks as though the supposed selective advantage of his lethal when heterozygous was merely the back-side of the selective disadvantage, which I had previously shown in his data to effect homozygotes for the dominants he uses. Of course, he could have avoided this trouble by crossing his lethal stock with two others carrying different markers and interbreeding the offspring, but it does not look as though he had done this.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 14th.

Yours sincerely,