

Letter to John Murray III, 15 December 1864

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My Dear M^r Murray

M^r & M^{rs} Charles
Livingstone will
call on you to
try and arrange
about the book
in America - and
you know my
mind on that
so well I need
not say more
[0002]
than that if the
matter can be
put so that M^{rs} L.
would get the
profits in America
I shall be glad.
The Harpers seem
to think that they
have a sort of
prescriptive right
to it. This M^{rs} L.
found in correspond-
ing with them.
She consulted
an American

[0003]

lawyer & he gave
a sort of form to
be filled up - I have
done so but it
looks so unlike
our legal documents
I fear it won do
the lawyer also
advised a deed
of gift to circum-
vent the sharpers

by a second line
of circumvallation
like - It seems that
no one pirated
the whole book
[0004]
from the Harpers save
one man with an
abridgement so it
may not be a losing
speculation to him
who gets it. Green-
backs will do for M^{rs}
L. if they are only in
quantities so that
objection wont stand
I know how very
busy you are at
present but beg
your patient help
in this case - I am &c
David Livingstone