

Letter to Roderick I. Murchison, 18 November 1864

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My Dear Sir Roderick

I enclose a letter from
the secretary of the American
Geographical Society
which shews that
they too delight to do
you honour.

I never got a sight
of what you said
when Kirk spoke of
the fossils fishes &
shells as corroborative
of your views as to
Africa being so old,
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can you tell me where
I could get it for I
must have it in the
book. If you have
not got the American
Journal I shall lend
you mine but I
have not looked into
it myself yet.

After thinking a
good deal over poor
Thornton's relations
claim to salary I think
that the fact of their
having recieved money
from the Paymaster
of the Navy shews
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that they have recieved
the salary for which
I signed a certificate
up to his lamented
death. The Navy paymaster general

always paid the
salaries of the officers
of our Expedition
mine was the only
exception. So you
need not feel distressed
about it

The poor fellow in
his generous desire to help
the mission incurred a
debt £47 of which he
was to recieve from
Bishop Tozer.

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not to allow Thornton's
credit to be injured among
the Portuguese I paid
the £47. Tozer instead
of refunding me sent
this sum to Thornton's
brother at Bradford
This was explained three
months ago both by
me & Waller of the mission but M^r G.
Thornton has given
me no answer. I
suppose I must lose
it, but it wont distress me.

I shall answer the
American letter when
you have seen it

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