

## Letter to John Kirk 2, 1 September 1864

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My Dear D<sup>r</sup> Kirk

I am glad to  
hear that you are enjoying  
yourself so famously  
I too had a turn in  
the Highlands by  
Staffa & Iona & Ulva  
& Mull. the weather  
was delightful and  
my native air  
quite set me up  
again. I got a free  
passage & a ticket  
[0002]

"at any time to & from  
any place" See what  
it is to come from  
such ancestors - !  
My ancestral Hall  
presents walls only  
which have never  
been high & the corn  
patches were small  
but I was glad I saw  
it. I had a very  
delightful trip  
and today have  
sat down to my  
speech the thought  
of which always  
brings a cold shiver  
[0003]

over me. I shall say  
that you will be there  
& hold forth on the  
botany & natural  
history - Shall I?

I intended to have  
gone into Syme's

hands ere now  
but dont like  
to get my infirmities  
put into the News  
papers. The bleeding  
has stopped & I  
feel very well.  
Syme said that he  
believed it was a  
mistake to think  
the haemorrhoids  
[0004]  
relieved the portal  
system. I know  
it relieved headache  
in me often -  
Thomas is much  
better and at Youngs I am going to Bath  
of course - Worse  
luck. the Portuguese  
Duprat & Laviadio  
have been at Waller  
pumping him as to  
whether I shall be at  
Bath. Waller says now  
for shot grape &  
cannister - Rowley  
wanted Wikatani &  
Chuma home from  
Bombay to lionaze with  
them Ever &c David Livingstone