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My Dear Sir

It certainly would be very nice to spend a short time in the pleasant haunts to which you most kindly invite me, but [0002]I think that duty compels me to decline the enjoy ment. I am at present lionizing a work to which I have no appetite, but different friends seem anxious for it and I think it may lead to the opening of Africa [0003]to the gospel and submit accordingly If $M^{\underline{r}}$ Cecil is with you, pray present my kindest regards I have not had time to call on him since my return and indeed I have gone no

where on pleasure

I only saw the [0004]Chrystal Palace once when about to leave London and the Art treasure exhibition when about to leave Manchester. the book is all in the printer's hands & will be published on 10th November With many thanks for your kindness I am &c David Livingstone