

Letter to Charles A. Alington, 26 May 1865

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Dear M^r Alington

We cannot always
follow our own
inclinations and
often that path
we would prefer
is not the best.
I should have liked
your company
I think, and this
I cannot say of
anyone else Col O
has offered - I am
[0002]
just writing a refusal
to an offer from
a Scotch doctor
who says he can
refer to the highest
authorities. One
of these being a
character after a
previous trial
I suspect he
cannot adduce
so I decline to have
him.

I should like
the cot very well
if very strong
[0003]
and all the more
as coming from
one for whom
I entertain feelings

of sincere esteem -
- strength not
beauty, or rather
strength is the
chief quality
required, beauty -
though an advantage
is not so necessary

I am &c

David Livingstone
[0004]

My point for
collecting luggage
at before starting
is, 19 Bucklesbury
London M^r Brownthe agent
there takes care
of my things
[0005]

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D^r L.