

Letter to Thomas Raffles

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My Dear D^r Raffles

I have not
been very well
for some days
from a complaint
the result of

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African fever
and the river being
so very rough
this afternoon
I have very
unwillingly
yielded to the
suggestion of
my wife not

[0003]

to expose myself
tonight. I have
been hard at
work all day &
made quite too late for dinner
and but for
what I mention
would have
felt it a
to spend the
evening with
you & the Crossfields

[0004]

I hope you will
kindly excuse
me. I shall
come over tomorrow
and bid you

farewell - after
worship .

Hoping you will
not be annoyed by
this unexpected failure
of an engagement .

I am &c

David Livingstone