

## Letter to Joseph D. Hooker, 26 October 1857

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My Dear D<sup>r</sup> Hooker  
There is some  
probability of an  
expedition being  
sent up the Zambesi.  
A deputation from  
the British Association  
has formed a com-  
mittee [which met] at the Royal  
Society's apartments  
on Saturday last

[0002]  
General Sabine, D<sup>r</sup>  
Lloyd, Sir H. Rawlinson  
Sir R. Murchison  
MacGregor Laird  
& D<sup>r</sup> Robinson were  
present. They are  
to be strengthened by  
memorials from  
the chambers of com-  
merce of Liverpool  
Manchester Leeds  
& Birmingham &c.  
& an interview with  
Lord Clarendon will  
come off soon. There  
is therefore some

[0003]  
probability of success  
The object being to  
survey the Zambesi  
and get full inform-  
ation respecting the  
natural productions  
of the new countries  
My Object in writing  
you is rather a selfish  
one. I believe you &

I came through Graham's  
hands as well as  
D<sup>r</sup> Lyon Playfair  
D<sup>r</sup> Thomson  
Prof. G. Wilson  
James Young our  
under or superintendent

[0004]

I confess to having  
a feeling of partiality  
to that squad and though  
I cannot indulge a  
ray of hope that you  
will join us as there  
no body in the wide  
world I should like  
better than you I  
am constrained to  
say even without  
hope - I cant go  
farther, but possibly  
if it comes to selection  
you will be able to  
recommend a sensible  
good tempered fellow

[0005]

[though you dont come yourself]  
I dont suppose I shall  
have anything to do  
in the selection but  
I may have a power  
of veto, probably  
your father will  
be applied to. Between  
ourselves I dont  
want a German  
Do you see how  
these Schlagentweits  
are hawked about  
as if neither you  
nor Thomson had  
ever been on the  
Hymalayas.

[0006]

We shall send over  
that precious book  
that gave me  
such a deal of

bother before long

I hope M<sup>rs</sup> H.

recovered nicely

I have been spouting

at different places

but am thankful

to say that work

is now done. I go

to Portugal soon

And am Ever yours

David Livingstone