Letter to John F.W. Herschel, 11 February 1858

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[0001]

heartily for your kind & cordial invitation
and if I can come from Liverpool I certainly will
David Livingstone

18 Hart St. 11 Feby 1858
My Dear Sir
With very
great regret
I find myself
literally com-
pelled to forego
the pleasure of
a visit to you

[0002]
I fully hoped
to have had my
arrangements
so far completed
as to admit
of my going to-
morrow but
they thicken on
me the faster
as time comes
near the end

[0003]
I am very sorry
for this as
I have always
had a wish
to see you ever
since I went to
Africa. I carried
a note from
you to D^{r}
Buckland in
which you requested
me to examine

[0004]
the gradual desiccation
of the country and
I felt sure that
you might possibly
turn my attention
to some other point
equally interesting
your hint led to
all the observations
I made on the climate
& geology for it
stimulated me to
studies in which I
would not have taken
so much interest
I thank you most