

## Letter to George Back, 23 May 1857

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Sir George Back

We never  
did ourselves the  
honour of returning  
the kind call  
of Lady Back  
because we  
have been so  
closely occupied

[0002]

with the narrative.

And we are now  
about to go out  
a little way into  
the country for  
the sake of quiet  
in order thereby  
to finish the  
same work. We  
think of Barnet  
and will leave

[0003]

on Tuesday next

I hope Lady Back will excuse my  
want of politeness

A gospel  
according to Luke  
came to me this  
morning probably  
in Esquimo,  
the address is not  
in your hand  
and no note  
accompanied it

[0004]

I hope people dont  
think I need cooling  
in your cold  
regions, for I  
think you have  
done quite enough  
there and the very  
thought of your  
ice-bergs makes  
me shiver. Did  
you try your  
hand at the Falls

I am &c most truly  
yours

D. Livingstone

Please do not trouble yourself to  
answer this. I mean only the Falls are very difficult