

# Letter to Mrs. [?] Williamson, 18, 19 September 1864

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My Dear M<sup>rs</sup> Williamson

It gave me great  
pleasure to recieve a  
letter from you  
some time ago.

It was laid aside  
to be answered but  
I never have been  
able. I now seize  
a moment just  
to say thank you  
for I am in the  
throes getting ready  
[0002]

a speech to be delivered  
this evening in the  
theatre. I never  
was intended for a  
public speaker &  
never like to hear  
myself speaking so  
you may judge  
I am not in a  
proper frame of  
mind for answering  
a lady's letter

The limited time  
I have to spend at  
home & some  
work I have to do  
prevent my  
[0003]  
acceptance of your  
very kind invitation  
but I beg that  
you will present

my warmest sal-  
-utations to your  
husband and our  
young friend

I am &c

David Livingstone

19<sup>th</sup> the speech was  
got through somehow [...]  
[0004]  
you but want of time  
as I must work as  
much as I can now  
my steamer being out  
at Bombay & seven  
black men waiting  
for me. I know Sir  
John Richardson &  
would be glad to meet him  
anywhere. I have that  
pleasure this evening  
at D<sup>r</sup> Watson's.

Begging that you  
will kindly excuse  
me. I am &c. [...]