

## Letter to John Washington, 9 March 1858

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Birkenhead 9<sup>th</sup> March

1858

Dear Captain Washington

I enclose for  
your consideration the  
account which D<sup>r</sup>  
Kirk has handed to  
me and would only  
remark that he  
asked my permission  
[0002]

to buy the strychnine  
I told him to buy  
it on my account  
(for poisoning animals  
without injury to their  
skins) and offered  
to pay it myself. He  
prefers to put it in  
this account. I do  
not put my name  
to it as I do not  
[0003]

know whether you would  
approve of it seeing the  
pay has been running  
on since the first  
of February and the  
duty has not been  
very arduous. However  
if it is right I shall  
be glad to know &  
act accordingly. the  
seeds were a few pounds  
in weight only

I am still ready to pay for the  
Strychnine.

[0004]

6 1/2 oclock

The weather here is excessively  
bad. The Pilot says it  
would be madness to  
go out. We meet again  
at 10 A.M. tomorrow  
All are ready at a  
moments notice and  
nothing but the weather  
prevents our going

I am &c

David Livingstone

I sent my last accounts for presents  
yesterday. They are under £300 - & with  
the £107 for machinery allowed by the F.O. under £400