

Letter to John Washington, 9 March 1858

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Dear Captain Washington

I enclose for
your consideration the
account which D^r
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