

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

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My Dear M^{rs} 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

19th 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^r Watson's.

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