

Letter to William Wilson, 14 September 1857

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Burnbank
Hamilton,
14th Sept 1857
My Dear Sir
It certainly
would be very
nice to spend a
short time in
the pleasant
haunts to which
you most kindly
invite me, but

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I think that duty
compels me to
decline the enjoy
ment. I am at
present lionizing -
a work to which
I have no appetite,
but different
friends seem
anxious for it
and I think it
may lead to the
opening of Africa

[0003]

to the gospel and
submit accordingly
If M^r Cecil is
with you, pray
present my
kindest regards
I have not had
time to call on
him since my
return and indeed
I have gone no
where on pleasure
I only saw the

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Chrystal Palace once
when about to
leave London
and the Art treasure
exhibition when
about to leave
Manchester. the
book is all in the
printer's hands &
will be published
on 10th November
With many thanks
for your kindness
I am &c
David Livingstone