

## Letter to John Washington, 8, 9 March 1858

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Birkenhead

8<sup>th</sup> March 1858

Dear Captain Washington

I duly recieved all  
your enclosures for  
Sierra Leone and the  
Cape on the 7<sup>th</sup> and  
return the agreement  
with the signature of

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the engineer annexed.  
We are all ready for  
embarcation and nothing  
but the weather, which  
was excessively bad  
all yesterday, will  
prevent our sailing  
about noon.

I beg leave again  
to express my grateful  
sense of your very

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great and constant  
kindness throughout the  
preparation of this expedition  
I tender you my  
cordial thanks for all  
the labour & anxiety  
you have so patiently  
undergone in our  
behalf and I hope  
your good wishes  
may be realized

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by every one of us

effectually doing our  
duty

I am yours

very cordially

David Livingstone

9 A.M. weather very stormy  
with snow. If the pilots  
say we may venture out  
we shall do so about  
12. I sign M<sup>r</sup> Laird's  
account for the launch as  
an aid though it may not be  
quite essential D. L.