

Letter to Charles A. Alington, 26 May 1865

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Burnbank Road

Hamilton

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Dear M^r Alington

We cannot always

follow our own

inclinations and

often that path

we would prefer

is not the best.

I should have liked

your company

I think, and this

I cannot say of

anyone else Col O

has offered - I am

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just writing a refusal

to an offer from

a Scotch doctor

who says he can

refer to the highest

authorities. One

of these being a

character after a

previous trial

I suspect he

cannot adduce

so I decline to have

him.

I should like

the cot very well

if very strong

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and all the more

as coming from

one for whom

I entertain feelings

of sincere esteem -

- strength not

beauty, or rather
strength is the
chief quality
required, beauty -
though an advantage
is not so necessary

I am &c

David Livingstone

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My point for
collecting luggage
at before starting
is, 19 Bucklesbury
London M^r Brownthe agent
there takes care
of my things

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D^r L.