

## Letter to [John Kirk 2]

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[0001]

50 Albemarle St, London 26<sup>th</sup> January 1858.

My Dear Sir

Your name was  
handed in by me to Lord  
Clarendon with the statement  
that you were highly  
recommended by Sir  
William and D<sup>r</sup> Hooker  
and also by Professors  
Balfour and Wilson .  
It was approved by Lord

[0002]

Clarendon and sent by  
the Foreign Office to the  
Admiralty which has the  
further organization of  
the expedition. You are  
therefore appointed, and  
all that is necessary  
now, is that you  
present yourself to  
Captain Washington  
the hydrographer for  
approval [in that department] but no  
objection will be made.

[0003]

It will be well if you lose  
no time in making preparations  
as to outfit as we expect  
to be off about the 14<sup>th</sup>  
of February.

Thanks for the list.  
I shall order the packing  
according to your desire  
but it would have been  
an advantage had you  
been at hand to see

that it was attended to .

I am Yours Most Truly

David Livingstone

D<sup>r</sup> John Kirk