

Letter to Henry Toynbee, 20 August 1857

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Hadley Green

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My Dear Sir

I have been
quite unable to
look over your
very kind inves-
tigation of my
work as I am
striving to have
the correction

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of the press all
over by the
25th to go to
Dublin meeting
of the association

As you seem
to have great
facility for
this work I
have been wishing
to screw up my
courage so far as

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to ask you (if
it is not a piece
of outrageous
indulgence) to
ask you edit
them. M^r Maclear
said to the R.G.S.
some public body
ought to print
them. Sir Roderick
said looking towards
me "we shall
be happy to do it"

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Now I dont know
whether Murray
would think it
an encumbrance
or not to my own
book. I believe
Arrowsmith would
like some of them
suppressed. but
I dont like any -
thing like "cooking"
On that account
I ~~never~~ sent my
observation book

[0005] to the Royal Observatory

but never have
had time to look
at their work
If you had leizure
and inclination
to examine the
whole with
the observation
book too &
give your opinion
and make any

[0006] additional remarks

you please. I
should feel it
a great favour
It might possibly
not suit Murray
as the boards
of my book are
ready. but
then it would
be in the Journal
of the R.G.S.

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and I could
put a note into
mine referring
to the observations
Edited by Captⁿ
Toynbee.

If however
this is inconvenient
please dont
refer to it and
excuse your
much obliged

D. Livingstone

[0008]

I would ask
Murray if you
can spare the
time. I ~~would~~ shall
send a rough
copy of Arrow
Smiths map as
soon as I know
your mind
Captain Toynbee