## Letter to Lady Elizabeth Eastlake, 30 May 1857

Livingstone, David, 1813-1873 Published by Livingstone Online (livingstoneonline.org) [0001]Hadley Green  $30^{\text{th}}$  May 1857Lady Eastlake I am both ashamed and sorry on account of having entirely forgotten your most kind invitation for Wednesday last [0002]I was employed during the greater part of last week in trying to get away from the bustle of London, then the beginning of this, was spent in removing from town to Hadley Green, and the privilege you had most obligingly [0003]placed within my reach, of meeting the Bishop of London and the Editor of the Times, never once flitted

the Bishop of
London and the
Editor of the Times,
never once flitted
across my mind
until M<sup>r</sup> Murray
enquired the reason
of my absence
this morning.
If your Ladyships
says "Well he does

[0004] not deserve my consideration, or notice"
I cannot say a
word in my
defence. I only
confess my fault
without any
attempt to justify
myself, and though
you may never
forgive me I shall
I shall never be able to
blame anyone for
it but myself. I am &c
David Livingstone