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18 Hart St

Bloomsbury

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Dear Sir George

I am ashamed

of my manners

since my return

to England, I never

called nor thanked

you for your

kind gift, though

if you will only

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believe me I shall

tell you how it is

I have appeared so

unnatural. The

first part of my

sojourn in England

was so taken up

with the book -

the second with

the speechifying

and the third

with preparation

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for leaving that

I must have seemed

to those who do not

make allowances

as decidedly wanting

in common

politeness But

I can honestly say

that I deeply feel

the sympathy you

have manifested

for my work

and I thank you

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most heartily for

the friendship which
you and Lady Back
have shewn. If
ever I return you
will find me
a more natural man
than I have been
this time. If not
may we through
mercy meet each
other in Heaven

I am gratefully
yours

David Livingstone

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