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My Dear Sir

I have been hoping to avail myself of your kind invitation to visit you and get some instruction as to the [0002]use of an instrument for determining the Longitude which you recommended, but being so much bothered by the Admiralty as to have no time I can call my own, I think it will be facilitating business if you [0003]would kindly tell me about the Instrument - its probable cost & size, and if my funds will reach it I will set about getting it as soon as possible.

I hope to get away next week month [0004] but the vessel is not yet quite fixed upon which is to carry us out.

With kindest regards to M^{rs} S.

I am yours &c

David Livingstone

Admiral Smythe