

## Letter to William Wilson, 14 September 1857

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Hamilton,

14<sup>th</sup> Sept 1857

My Dear Sir

It certainly  
would be very  
nice to spend a  
short time in  
the pleasant  
haunts to which  
you most kindly  
invite me, but  
[0002]

I think that duty  
compels me to  
decline the enjoy  
ment. I am at  
present lionizing -  
a work to which  
I have no appetite,  
but different  
friends seem  
anxious for it  
and I think it  
may lead to the  
opening of Africa  
[0003]

to the gospel and  
submit accordingly  
If M<sup>r</sup> Cecil is  
with you, pray  
present my  
kindest regards  
I have not had  
time to call on  
him since my  
return and indeed  
I have gone no  
where on pleasure

I only saw the  
[0004]  
Chrystal Palace once  
when about to  
leave London  
and the Art treasure  
exhibition when  
about to leave  
Manchester. the  
book is all in the  
printer's hands &  
will be published  
on 10<sup>th</sup> November  
With many thanks  
for your kindness  
I am &c  
David Livingstone