

## Letter to Unknown, 27 January [1857]

*Livingstone, David, 1813-1873*

Published by Livingstone Online ([livingstoneonline.org](http://livingstoneonline.org))

[0001]

57 Sloane St.

London 27 Jan<sup>y</sup>.

Private

Sir

I have been  
requested by Mr Prout  
to reply to a note you  
sent to him respecting  
my acceptance  
of the Freedom of  
the City of Edinburgh.

If I consult my  
own inclinations

[0002]

I have not the the smallest  
desire to recieve any  
civic honours. I  
wish to finish my  
present work with  
all expedition and  
hasten back to my  
men who now  
await the fullfillment  
of my promise at  
Tete. The writing of  
my work will occupy  
me fully to the end of  
April. I shall then D. V.

[0003]

pay my last visit to  
my good mother  
in Hamilton. If that  
time would be suitable  
and you see that the  
gentlemen still feel  
inclined to confer the  
honour I shall come  
but hope no public  
demonstration will  
be made. Those public  
meetings in London  
have all been against

my judgement for  
I cannot help fearing

[0004]

if we protestants make  
too much fuss opponents  
who are now still  
may be excited to spring  
up against us. You  
know the Portugese  
are all Roman Catholics  
If the gentlemen wish  
to honour the cause  
in which I am engaged  
I must accede to  
the honour and will  
try to do it thankfully

Believe me Dear Sir

&c

David Livingstone