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12 Kensington Palace Gardens

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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

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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

would kindly tell me about the Instrument - its probable cost & size, and if my funds will reach

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it I will set about getting it as soon as

possible.

I hope to get away next $\frac{1}{2}$ month

[0004] but the vessel is not yet quite fixed upon which is to carry us out.

With kindest regards to $\mathbf{M}^{\mathbf{rs}}$ S.

I am yours &c

David Livingstone

Admiral Smythe