

Letter to [Richard Owen], 30 March 1858

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My Dear Friend

I have only
time to say How do ye do?
before leaving this
to which we made
a good passage from
Liverpool. I am sorry
that I was unable
to call at last and
bid you good bye
but by way of
making amends I
have spoken to the
Governor here - Colonel
[0002]
Hill a most excellent
and obliging man to
get some mud fish
for you. They are
abundant in the
Gambia and he will
have them sent to
you in the mud & all ready for examination
If you kindly acknow-
ledge the receipt of
them and mention
any other kind that
you may wish his
Excellency will I am
sure take care that
[0003]
your wishes are attended to
The complaint I hear
made on all hands here
when an invitation is
given to send home
specimens of natural
history is that they

have sent objects &
no acknowledgement
is made of their receipt
Though sure that this
does not apply to you
it is well for you
to know that there
are defaulters among
your bretheren

My kindest regards
to M^{rs} Owen. M^{rs} L.
[0004]
joins in this with hearty good
will. She has symptoms
of the nine months inter-
mittent and I fear must
on that account be
discharged at the Cape to
go up to her father's for
this I am sorry as she
would have made us
all comfortable in
our labours. M^{rs} O's
name put this little bit
of gossip in my head

I am Affectionately

yours

David Livingstone

D^r Kirk is a fine fellow. I
think he has got a peculiar
new mud fish already. it will
be sent you from the Cape.