

## Letter to Thomas Raffles, 6 March 1858

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My Dear D<sup>r</sup> Raffles

I have not  
been very well  
for some days  
from a complaint  
the result of

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African fever  
and the river being  
so very rough  
this afternoon  
I have very  
unwillingly  
yielded to the  
suggestion of  
my wife not

[0003]

to expose myself  
tonight. I have  
been hard at  
work all day &  
made quite too late for dinner  
and but for  
what I mention  
would have  
felt it a privilege  
to spend the  
evening with  
you & the Crossfields

[0004]

I hope you will  
kindly excuse  
me. I shall  
come over tomorrow

and bid you  
farewell - after  
worship

Hoping you will  
not be annoyed by  
this unexpected failure  
of an engagement

I am &c

David Livingstone