

Letter to Joseph D. Hooker, 12 October 1864

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My Dear Hooker

Absence from
Clifton prevented
Kirk from answering
before yesterday.

He is perfectly
satisfied as to Prof.
Oliver's attainments
and suitability for
the work proposed
and after adverting
to the difficulty that
[0002]

may be found in
recognizing some of
the things given to
the British Museum
and the facilities
you kindly afford
for access to the
collection he con-
cludes "You can form a
better idea than I
whether the Govern^t
is likely to grant
such a proposal
as that made by
D^r Hooker. Unless
[0003]
something of the sort
were done I do not see
that a four years
unpaid job would
suit me"

I would have sent
the letter but it con-
tains other matters.
I conclude though

he does not say so
that he would
engage in the work
if he had his Expedition
pay and perhaps
I had better write
to Lord Russell to
that effect.

[0004]

Could you in a sentence
or two tell me how
I ought to put it to
Earl Russell? &
oblige Yours Ever

David Livingstone

On after thought I
enclose the whole
letter