

## Letter to [Richard Owen], 30 March 1858

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Sierra Leone

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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<sup>rs</sup> Owen. M<sup>rs</sup> 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<sup>rs</sup> O's  
name put this little bit  
of gossip in my head

I am Affectionately

yours

David Livingstone

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