

# Letter to William H. Smythe

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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

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would kindly tell  
me about the  
Instrument - its  
probable cost &  
size, and if my  
funds will reach  
it I will set  
about getting it  
as soon as  
possible.

I hope to get  
away next ~~week~~ month

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

With kindest regards  
to M<sup>rs</sup> S.

I am yours &c

David Livingstone

Admiral