

Letter to George Back, 10 March 1858

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Pearl - Mersey

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Dear Sir George

I have always
been sorry that
I failed to respond
to your polite
attentions in
person, but though
I scarcely deserve
your forgiveness

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I hope you will
allow me to explain
that I have been
for a long time
in a very unnatural
state and it will
be only when
I get away into
the quiet for
which I long
that I shall be
able to pay those

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attentions to my
friends which
they assuredly
merit. We are
now fairly started
having lifted the
anchor at 1 P.M.
today. We are
well and well
provided for

The launch a
photograph of
which will be

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sent you is safely
stowed in three
pieces on deck
and we hope
that by God's
help & blessing
we shall make
a good use of
her. Our kindest
salutations to
Lady Back

I am &c

David Livingstone