

## Letter to John Murray III, 15 December 1864

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My Dear M<sup>r</sup> Murray

M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Charles  
Livingstone will  
call on you to  
try and arrange  
about the book  
in America - and  
you know my  
mind on that  
so well I need  
not say more  
[0002]  
than that if the  
matter can be  
put so that M<sup>rs</sup> L.  
would get the  
profits in America  
I shall be glad.  
The Harpers seem  
to think that they  
have a sort of  
prescriptive right  
to it. This M<sup>rs</sup> L.  
found in correspond-  
ing with them.  
She consulted  
an American

[0003]

lawyer & he gave  
a sort of form to  
be filled up - I have  
done so but it  
looks so unlike  
our legal documents  
I fear it won do  
the lawyer also  
advised a deed  
of gift to circum-  
vent the sharpers

by a second line  
of circumvallation  
like - It seems that  
no one pirated  
the whole book  
[0004]  
from the Harpers save  
one man with an  
abridgement so it  
may not be a losing  
speculation to him  
who gets it. Green-  
backs will do for M<sup>rs</sup>  
L. if they are only in  
quantities so that  
objection wont stand  
I know how very  
busy you are at  
present but beg  
your patient help  
in this case - I am &c  
David Livingstone