

## Letter to Charles A. Alington, 26 May 1865

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Burnbank Road

Hamilton

26 May 1865

Dear M<sup>r</sup> Alington

We cannot always

follow our own

inclinations and

often that path

we would prefer

is not the best.

I should have liked

your company

I think, and this

I cannot say of

anyone else Col O

has offered - I am

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just writing a refusal

to an offer from

a Scotch doctor

who says he can

refer to the highest

authorities. One

of these being a

character after a

previous trial

I suspect he

cannot adduce

so I decline to have

him.

I should like

the cot very well

if very strong

[0003]

and all the more

as coming from

one for whom

I entertain feelings

of sincere esteem -

- strength not

beauty, or rather

strength is the

chief quality  
required, beauty -  
though an advantage  
is not so necessary  
I am &c  
David Livingstone

[0004]  
My point for  
collecting luggage  
at before starting  
is, 19 Bucklesbury  
London M<sup>r</sup> Brownthe agent  
there takes care  
of my things

[0005]  
Rev<sup>d</sup> Charles A. Alington  
Swinhope House  
Great Grimsby  
S. B.  
D<sup>r</sup> L.