

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^{rs} Owen. M^{rs} 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^{rs} O's
name put this little bit
of gossip in my head

I am Affectionately
yours

David Livingstone

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