

## Letter to Joseph D. Hooker, 28 December 1857

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My Dear Hooker

I took a run down to spend Christmas  
& newyearsday with mother & family got yours of 24<sup>th</sup> just this morning.

D<sup>r</sup> Nichol has offered as a candidate Naval service will be guided

[0002] Sir John Liddel to his future plans he said that would be guided Sir William I would have content, but being plainly out the question for expedition a begging to Sir John Liddel am glad to receive

[0003] from

Christison - Balfour Geo. Wilson a D<sup>r</sup> John Kirk has already done little in Economic in the East

" Kirk is an excellent man, says

Balfour, young - & enthusiastic is a good Botanist  
& gained the first for examination the Botanical class

[0004]

& the first prize for of plants attached to the medical at Renkioi during Crimean War and made good botanical on the Flora mount Ida &c which read to the Botanical of Edinburgh afterwards travelled Egypt & Palestine a friend of Balfour's medical adviser & himself always &c &c.

[0005] what is said him I mean to him. I only you or your could see him as well.

Murchison must heard of Nichol's from other quarter never mentioned . Indeed did know them Saturday (26<sup>th</sup>)

[0006] up to that time bent on having . but felt little desirous knowing some of his ante before him Lord Clarendon. seems to have down in Edinburgh & to have so as that

[0007] would make the expedition alternative only

Kirk is so highly that feel drawn to him . I shall ask

Murchison to on Balfour's to you. I am late but the best of the season send a literary

[0008] to M<sup>rs</sup> which received this as a present

I shall return London by the of this week am ever Affectionate  
David Livingstone