

## Letter to Joseph D. Hooker, 12 October 1864

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My Dear Hooker

Absence from  
Clifton prevented  
Kirk from answering  
before yesterday.

He is perfectly  
satisfied as to Prof.  
Oliver's attainments  
and suitability for  
the work proposed  
and after adverting  
to the difficulty that  
[0002]

may be found in  
recognizing some of  
the things given to  
the British Museum  
and the facilities  
you kindly afford  
for access to the  
collection he con-  
cludes "You can form a  
better idea than I  
whether the Govern<sup>t</sup>  
is likely to grant  
such a proposal  
as that made by  
D<sup>r</sup> Hooker. Unless  
[0003]  
something of the sort  
were done I do not see  
that a four years  
unpaid job would  
suit me"

I would have sent  
the letter but it con-  
tains other matters.  
I conclude though

he does not say so  
that he would  
engage in the work  
if he had his Expedition  
pay and perhaps  
I had better write  
to Lord Russell to  
that effect.

[0004]

Could you in a sentence  
or two tell me how  
I ought to put it to  
Earl Russell? &  
oblige Yours Ever

David Livingstone

On after thought I  
enclose the whole  
letter