

Letter to Joseph D. Hooker, 26 October 1857

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My Dear D^r Hooker

There is some
probability of an
expedition being
sent up the Zambesi.
A deputation from
the British Association
has formed a com-
mittee[which met] at the Royal
Society's apartments
on Saturday last

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General Sabine, D^r
Lloyd, Sir H. Rawlinson
Sir R. Murchison
MacGregor Laird
& D^r Robinson were
present. They are
to be strengthened by
memorials from
the chambers of com-
merce of Liverpool
Manchester Leeds
& Birmingham &c.
& an interview with
Lord Clarendon will
come off soon. There
is therefore some

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probability of success
The object being to
survey the Zambesi
and get full inform-
ation respecting the
natural productions

of the new countries

My Object in writing
you is rather a selfish
one. I believe you & I came through Graham's
hands as well as
D^r Lyon Playfair
D^r Thomson
Prof. G. Wilson
James Young our
under or superintendent

[0004]

I confess to having
a feeling of partiality
to that squad and though
I cannot indulge a
ray of hope that you
will join us as there
no body in the wide
world I should like
better than you I
am constrained to
say even without
hope - I cant go
farther, but possibly
if it comes to selection
you will be able to
recommend a sensible
good tempered fellow

[0005]

[though you dont come yourself]
I dont suppose I shall
have anything to do
in the selection but
I may have a power
of veto, probably
your father will
be applied to. Between
ourselves I dont
want a German
Do you see how
these Schlagentweits
are hawked about
as if neither you
nor Thomson had
ever been on the
Hymalayas.

[0006]

We shall send over
that precious book
that gave me
such a deal of
bother before long

I hope M^{rs} H.
recovered nicely
I have been spouting
at different places
but am thankful
to say that work
is now done. I go
to Portugal soon And am Ever yours

David Livingstone