

## Letter to Joseph D. Hooker, 16 December 1857

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My Dear Hooker

I am very  
sorry that an  
engagement to dine  
with Lord Chancellor  
tomorrow (Thursday)  
evening will  
prevent my meeting  
you and Nichol  
at Burlington House  
[0002]

I have mentioned  
Nichol as a proper  
person and as none  
will be appointed  
without my sanction  
it might be well  
for you to ask  
him if he would  
like to go and work  
a year or two  
with me so that  
if nothing else comes  
up I might be  
able to speak positively  
about him. I am  
[0003]

writing to Edinburgh  
for a few of his  
antecedents but  
I have such confidence  
in your judgement  
that I am almost  
quite satisfied that  
he will be the proper  
man. You might  
expatiate a little  
on the disagreeables

of the expedition  
in order to test him  
I am sorry that the  
big wigs feed came  
[0004]  
came in the way of  
meeting you and  
him, but I declined  
once and the  
Chancellor persevered  
by send another  
with the word  
to remind on it  
I suppose I must  
go

With kindest  
regards to M<sup>rs</sup> H

I am &c

David Livingstone