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My Dear Sir

the report concerning our sailing from Liverpool on saturday next is not correct but we hope to take our departure from Liverpool in a short time subsequent to that day.

With respect to the money testimonial I feel greatly obliged by your kindness in mentioning it and I most thankfully present my acknowledgements to the kind friends who have

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favoured me by their generosity These expressions of approbation of my labours in time past make me feel under additional obligations to exert myself in the same line in future And I hope that the friends who now applaud will continue to sympathize with me in my efforts even though we may meet with difficulties of which we have now no conception. Business men like the Liverpool merchants understand such enterprises as that in which I am engaged and to them I shall look

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for consideration should it so happen that contrary to our expectations we recieve any sort of check in the outset. Of the ultimate success I have no manner of doubt though I may not be privileged to see it. I thank you all most unfeignedly for your kindness.

If the sum is placed to my account at Coutts & co Bankers, Strand you will oblige yours gratefully

David Livingstone

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