

## Letter to William J. Hooker, 10 August 1863

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Dear Sir William

In our letter of  
Instructions for withdrawal  
of the Expedition a sort of  
complaint is made that  
whatever may be the  
natural resources of the  
newly discovered regions  
H. M. Government have  
as yet recieved but  
scanty information  
thereon - to which I have  
replied that D<sup>r</sup> Kirk  
had sent or taken home  
to the Government  
Museum at Kew as  
ample materials for  
elucidating the Economical  
[0002]  
and botanical resources  
as ever have been sent  
from a barbarous  
country & from a vessel  
where incessant care  
was required to keep every  
thing from spoiling.  
and as no instance  
is on record of information  
of value being communicated  
without consulting existing  
Herbaria and Authorities,  
I though the complaint  
slightly premature or  
words to that effect - I  
thought this justice to  
D<sup>r</sup> Kirk demanded and  
I hope if you are  
consulted or should a

favourable opportunity  
arise you will say a  
a good word in his behalf  
[0003]  
The means too of publishing  
his extensive materials  
ought to be forthcoming  
for as a commercial  
speculation I suspect  
a work of the kind would  
not be a paying one.  
The Doctor has been I can  
assure you a most  
assiduous & painstaking  
collector - nothing ever  
deterred him from his  
duty and he always  
did it like a man.  
If you can confer  
any favour you  
will never find a  
more deserving  
recipient. This I can  
say after five years  
constant intercourse  
[0004]

When I last heard from  
him he was at Quillimane  
in poor health. I sent  
D<sup>r</sup> Meller down too - and  
I hope the report of his  
appointment to Madagascar  
is correct. We remain  
waiting for next flood  
to take Pioneer down to the  
sea. When as I shall  
have to go to India I  
must beg you to recieve  
my luggage at Kew.  
It is not much and I  
have no home now

Will you remember me  
kindly to D<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Hooker  
and believe me

Truly yours

David Livingstone