

Letter to John Washington

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[0001]

18 Hart St.

Bloomsbury

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Private

Dear Capⁿ Washington

I beg leave to
forward to you
M^r Baines' formal
application for
a sum to be
paid statedly to
his mother, and
feel sure that

[0002]

you will do kindly
do what you
can to forward
his laudable
desire.

The complaint
of M^r Welsh about
the chronometer
having run down
was frivolous.
I wrote a sharp
letter to M^r Charles
Livingstone on

[0003]

the report
and on further
investigation felt
ashamed that I had done it. The watch
did not run
down but stopped
and evoked the ejaculation

"Hallo! have I
forgot to wind
it up" on trial
with the key

[0004]
it was found
wound up. Captⁿ
Haig asked if it
had been neglected
and the
reply No. M^r
Welsh overhearing
this inferred & the
inference is gravely
reported to you
as a fact. I was very much

[0005]
annoyed by the
idea that my
brother was
careless in the
performance of
his duty. He
walked all the
way from
Highbury to this
about midnight
and back again
after

[0006]
my note and
after spending
a sleepless night
(I was out till
(12 1/2) was here
again early this
morning to
explain.

I should
like to know
if our magnetical

[0007]
observations
will come through
M^r Welsh's
hands - He stated

that M^r C. Livingstone
was ignorant
of logarithms.
Now M^r Welsh
never said a
word to him
about them
and he [M^r L.] is moreover

[0008]
(though perhaps a
little rusty from
disuse) thoroughly
educated being
B.A. of his
college. If there
is not a sacred
regard to truth in
those to whom our
observations [may] come
the zeal of the Expedition
for magnetism will
undoubtedly sink to
zero perhaps below it .

[0009]
I write you because
as I am to be
introduced to her Majesty tomorrow
besides the dinner
in the evening
I fear I may
not have the
pleasure of
waiting on you
till Monday .

[0010]
Will you kindly
aid me about
the chronometer?
I have thought
a box one
will be preferable .
A note from
you to the Astronomer
Royal and
if necessary

[0011]
an order for

one of the tried
ones to be
paid for (£30
or a bit more)
by me. The
lady came this
morning and
wished me
to go & buy it
at once .

[0012]

I send all my
packages to
Liverpool tomorrow
(Saturday) and
will visit my
children for the
last time on .

I am &c

David Livingstone