

## Letter to John Murray III, 4 February 1857

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57 Sloane St.  
4<sup>th</sup> February  
1857  
My Dear Sir  
M<sup>r</sup> Routledge  
and a M<sup>r</sup> Pardoe called  
here yesterday morning  
with the pamphlet,  
I refused to look at it -  
though they pretended  
it was simply that  
I might see that nothing  
to my prejudice appeared  
on the title page

[0002] Routledge gave a broad  
hint that he would  
give something handsome  
to the "Testimonial Fund"  
if I would only give  
him my countenance  
I replied. Satisfy M<sup>r</sup>  
Murray and you will  
thereby satisfy me.

He said I have a  
character to lose - to which  
I merely said I don't  
wish to hurt any one's  
character but I have

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abundant evidence that  
people generally believe  
this narrative is by me  
Now I have nothing to do  
with. I knew nothing  
about it". And left them  
I did not ask them upstairs

I saw the drawing  
of Lake Ngami by the  
poor young man who

died. It is very truthful  
and good - the others  
were better - the relatives  
are on the trail of the  
companion who kept  
them to himself, as he has  
removed from Keynsham  
they have knowledge

[0004]  
of the frame maker who  
was employed to mount  
about 20 of them - Kolobeng  
and another I could  
identify. I am afraid  
that if any stir is made  
Stevenson the companion  
will destroy the whole

I have not yet got  
Ford's address but  
have got a bad cold  
instead

Yours &c  
David Livingstone