

## Letter to [James Young], 17 April 1857

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57 Sloane St

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Dear Sir

I am really very much  
ashamed that your kind note  
of invitation should have  
remained so long unanswered.  
I was not by any means  
insensible to the obligation I owed  
to the kindly feelings which  
prompted you to offer me the  
pleasure of a sojourn in  
your house during my visit

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to Glasgow but having the  
privelege of ~~the~~ being a guest  
with my old and much  
esteemed friend Professor  
Andrew Buchanan I knew  
the only thing I could say  
would be in the way  
of declining the favour. This  
I have a particular aversion  
to do to any one especially  
when I am sure of the  
offer being as this was a  
genuine hearty one, and  
as the time sped past most  
rapidly my mind being fully

[0003]

occupied in writing the Narrative  
I am ashamed to say the thing  
went nearly out of my recollection  
But when I had the honour  
of being introduced [yesterday] to your  
daughters my negligence came  
rather more vividly than  
pleasantly to my memory.

I thank you most heartily  
for your kind invitation  
but on account of being  
expected by my excellent friend  
D<sup>r</sup> Buchanan I fear I  
shall have the pleasure of only  
of making a call when  
I am in the city.  
[0004]

I heard your daughters playing  
some pretty music at M<sup>r</sup>  
Lindsay's last [night] they seemed  
well and hearty. I wanted  
some scotch tunes from  
them as having more  
sense in them than the  
Italian stuff into which  
they are drilled. I suspect  
their Mamma will consider  
me heretical in this.

I am Dear Sir

Yours &c

David Livingstone