

## Letter to William Hope, 21 January 1858

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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  
[0002]  
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  
[0003]  
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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