Letter to John Washington, 8, 9 March 1858

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    Birkenhead
    8^{\underline{\text{th}}} March 1858
    Dear Captain Washington
    I duly recieved all
your enclosures for
Sierra Leone and the
Cape on the 7\frac{\text{th}}{} and
return the agreement
with the signature of
[0002]
the engineer annexed.
We are all ready for
embarcation and nothing
but the weather, which
was excessively bad
all yesterday, will
prevent our sailing
about noon.
    I beg leave again
to express my grateful
sense of your very
[0003]
great and constant
kindness throughout the
preparation of this expedition
I tender you my
cordial thanks for all
the labour & anxiety
you have so patiently
undergone in our
behalf and I hope
your good wishes
may be realized
[0004]
by every one of us
effectually doing our
duty
    I am yours
    very cordially
    David Livingstone
    9 A.M. weather very stormy
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with snow. If the pilots say we may venture out we shall do so about 12. I sign M^r Laird's account for the launch as an aid though it may not be quite essential D. L.