

Letter to John Washington, 8, 9 March 1858

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Birkenhead

8th March 1858

Dear Captain Washington

I duly recieved all
your enclosures for
Sierra Leone and the
Cape on the 7th 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
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.