

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
privilege 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

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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^r Buchanan I fear I
shall have the pleasure ofnly
of making a call when
I am in the city.

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I heard your daughters playing
some pretty music at M^r
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 Mam~~ma~~ will consider
me heretical in this.

I am Dear Sir

Yours &c

David Livingstone