

Letter to George Back, 23 May 1857

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[0001]

Please do not trouble yourself to
answer this. I mean only the Falls are very difficult

57 Sloane St.

23^d May

1857

Sir George Back

We never
did ourselves the
honour of returning
the kind call
of Lady Back
because we
have been so
closely occupied
[0002]
with the narrative.

And we are now
about to go out
a little way into
the country for
the sake of quiet
in order thereby
to finish the
same work. We
think of Barnet
and will leave
[0003]

on Tuesday next
I hope Lady Back
will excuse my
want of politeness

A gospel
according to Luke
came to me this
morning probably
in Esquimo,
the address is not

in your hand
and no note
accompanied it
[0004]
I hope people dont
think I need cooling
in your cold
regions, for I
think you have
done quite enough
there and the very
thought of your
ice-bergs makes
me shiver. Did
you try your
hand at the Falls

I am &c most truly
yours

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