

## Letter to Neil Livingstone 2, 27 February 1857

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My Dear Sir

I thank you  
unfeignedly for  
your long and  
interesting letter and  
am sorry I cannot  
find time to  
imitate your good-  
ness by a suitably  
long reply

I am busy with my book a pamphlet  
published is not mine

[0002]      With no one did I  
anticipate a more  
interesting meeting  
than with my late  
beloved father and  
with no one would  
I have enjoyed more  
the pleasure of con-  
versing on my  
adventures and  
labours than unto  
him but it is not  
our will but that  
of the wisest best  
and kindest that

[0003]  
must be done. Good  
is the will of our  
most gracious Lord  
My arm about  
which you kindly  
enquire is quite

well except a joint  
too many - no  
pain or uneasiness  
but a want of stead-  
-iness in shooting  
welding (i.e. in  
holding the iron  
steadily on the anvil  
and carving

[0004]  
no operation has  
been performed &  
I fear there is no  
time for any as I  
must fulfill my  
engagement with  
my African attendants  
One privelege of the  
making the Livingstone  
name great is the  
getting more work  
in scribbling than  
one mortal man  
can do.

May God  
Almighty bless and  
comfort you

D. Livingstone

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