Letter to Henry Toynbee, 20 August 1857

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[0001] Hadley Green 20th August 1857 My Dear Sir I have been quite unable to look over your very kind investigation of my work as I am striving to have the correction

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of the press all
over by the
25th to go to
Dublin meeting
of the association
As you seem
to have great
facility for
this work I
have been wishing

to screw up my courage so far as

[0003] to ask you (if it is not a piece of outrageous indulgence) to ask you edit them. Mr Maclear said to the R.G.S. some public body ought to print them. Sir Roderick said looking towards me "we shall be happy to do it"

[0004]
Now I dont know whether Murray would think it an encumbrance or not to my own book. I believe Arrowsmith would like some of them suppressed. but I dont like any - thing like "cooking" On that account I never sent my observation book

[0005] to the Royal Observatory but never have had time to look at their work If you had leizure and inclination to examine the whole with the observation book too & give your opinion and make any

[0006] additional remarks you please. I should feel it a great favour It might possibly not suit Murray as the boards of my book are ready. but then it would be in the Journal of the R.G.S.

[0007] and I could put a note into mine referring to the observations Edited by Captⁿ Toynbee.

If however
this is inconvenient
please dont
refer to it and
excuse your
much obliged
D. Livingstone

[0008]

I would ask
Murray if you
can spare the
time. I would shall
send a rough
copy of Arrow
Smiths map as
soon as I know
your mind
Captain Toynbee