

## Letter to [Richard Owen]

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[0001]

Sierra Leone

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My Dear Friend

I have only  
time to say How do ye do?  
before leaving this  
to which we made  
a good passage from  
Liverpool. I am sorry  
that I was unable  
to call at last and  
bid you good bye  
but by way of  
making amends I  
have spoken to the  
Governor here - Colonel

[0002]

Hill a most excellent  
and obliging man to  
get some mud fish  
for you. They are  
abundant in the  
Gambia and he will  
have them sent to  
you in the mud & all ready for examination .  
If you kindly acknow-  
ledge the receipt of  
them and mention  
any other kind that  
you may wish his  
Excellency will I am  
sure take care that

[0003]

your wishes are attended to .  
The complaint I hear  
made on all hands here  
when an invitation is  
given to send home

specimens of natural  
history is that they  
have sent objects &  
no acknowledgement  
is made of their receipt .  
Though sure that this  
does not apply to you  
it is well for you  
to know that there  
are defaulters among  
your bretheren .

My kindest regards  
to M<sup>rs</sup> Owen. M<sup>rs</sup> L.

[0004]  
joins in this with hearty good  
will. She has symptoms  
of the nine months inter-  
mittent and I fear must  
on that account be  
discharged at the Cape to  
go up to her father's for  
this I am sorry as she  
would have made us  
all comfortable in  
our labours. M<sup>rs</sup> O's  
name put this little bit  
of gossip in my head .

I am Affectionately

yours

David Livingstone

D<sup>r</sup> Kirk is a fine fellow. I  
think he has got a peculiar  
new mud fish already. t will  
be sent you from the Cape.