

Letter to John Washington, 9 March 1858

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Dear Captain Washington

I enclose for

your consideration the

account which D^r

Kirk has handed to

me and would only

remark that he

asked my permission

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to buy the strychnine

I told him to buy

it on my account

(for poisoning animals

without injury to their

skins) and offered

to pay it myself. He

prefers to put it in

this account. I do

not put my name

to it as I do not

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I am still ready to pay for the

Strychnine.

know whether you would

approve of it seeing the

pay has been running

on since the first

of February and the

duty has not been

very arduous. However

if it is right I shall

be glad to know &

act accordingly. the

seeds were a few pounds

in weight only

[0004]

6 1/2 oclock

The weather here is excessively
bad. The Pilot says it
would be madness to
go out. We meet again
at 10 A.M. tomorrow
All are ready at a
moments notice and
nothing but the weather
prevents our going

I am &c

David Livingstone

I sent my last accounts for presents
yesterday. They are under £300 - & with
the £107 for machinery allowed by the F.O. under £400