

Letter to Joseph D. Hooker, 12 October 1864

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My Dear Hooker

Absence from
Clifton prevented
Kirk from answering
before yesterday.

He is perfectly
satisfied as to Prof.
Oliver's attainments
and suitability for
the work proposed
and after adverting
to the difficulty that

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may be found in
recognizing some of
the things given to
the British Museum
and the facilities
you kindly afford
for access to the
collection he con-
cludes "You can form a
better idea than I
whether the Govern^t
is likely to grant
such a proposal
as that made by
D^r Hooker. Unless

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something of the sort
were done I do not see
that a four years
unpaid job would
suit me"

I would have sent

the letter but it contains other matters.
I conclude though he does not say so that he would engage in the work if he had his Expedition pay and perhaps I had better write to Lord Russell to that effect.

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Could you in a sentence or two tell me how I ought to put it to Earl Russell? & oblige Yours Ever

David Livingstone

On after thought I enclose the whole letter