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My Dear Kirk You are to come at any time before the 28 or $29\frac{\text{th}}{\text{that}}$ you like and stay a month if you can - for I was asked if you could not come before the time I mentioned and $[\ldots]$ [0002]I could not answer I was told to say as above - I hear the shooting going on just now

I enclose a cheque for £10 which you will be good enough to bring in gold when you come Say to the cashier that I had this cheque book with me in Africa and [0003]

And pay for yourself out of £10

dont know if any alteration is required as to stamps

Bring please a black doll, dressed, for one of the little girls for 4 or 5 shillings One has a black doll & I wish to give one to the other - Sir [Admiral] George Lambert is here & so is David Kennedy a great Indian hunter but very modest civil fellow [0004]and if you dont mind burdening yourself buy a couple of Shetlandwoolen drawers - the Shetland shop nearly opposite the school of geology Jermyn St - White soft thick woolen is the kind. Are you up in fish culture. We are going to try it here with the trout. What is the jumping fish Is it a Goby? Send a line to say on what particular day & by what train at Kings Cross you come

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