

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 concludes "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