

## Letter to George Back, 10 March 1858

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1858

Dear Sir George

I have always

been sorry that

I failed to respond

to your polite

attentions in

person, but though

I scarcely deserve

your forgiveness

[0002]

I hope you will

allow me to explain

that I have been

for a long time

in a very unnatural

state and it will

be only when

I get away into

the quiet for

which I long

that I shall be

able to pay those

[0003]

attentions to my

friends which

they assuredly

merit. We are

now fairly started

having lifted the

anchor at 1 P.M.

today. We are

well and well

provided for

The launch a

photograph of

which will be

[0004]

sent you is safely  
stowed in three  
pieces on deck  
and we hope  
that by God's  
help & blessing  
we shall make  
a good use of  
her. Our kindest  
salutations to  
Lady Back

I am &c

David Livingstone