

## Letter to Joseph D. Hooker, 26 October 1857

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My Dear D<sup>r</sup> Hooker

There is some probability of an expedition being sent up the Zambesi. A deputation from the British Association has formed a committee [which met] at the Royal Society's apartments on Saturday last

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General Sabine, D<sup>r</sup>  
Lloyd, Sir H. Rawlinson  
Sir R. Murchison  
MacGregor Laird  
& D<sup>r</sup> Robinson were present. They are to be strengthened by memorials from the chambers of commerce of Liverpool ManchesterLeeds & Birmingham &c. & an interview with Lord Clarendon will come off soon. There is therefore some

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probability of success  
The object being to survey the Zambesi and get full information respecting the natural productions of the new countries

My Object in writing

you is rather a selfish  
one. I believe you &  
I came through Graham's  
hands as well as  
D<sup>r</sup> Lyon Playfair  
D<sup>r</sup> Thomson  
Prof. G. Wilson  
James Young our  
under or superintendent

[0004]

I confess to having  
a feeling of partiality  
to that squad and though  
I cannot indulge a  
ray of hope that you  
will join us as there  
no body in the wide  
world I should like  
better than you I  
am constrained to  
say even without  
hope - I cant go  
farther, but possibly  
if it comes to selection  
you will be able to  
recommend a sensible  
good tempered fellow

[0005]

[though you dont come yourself]  
I dont suppose I shall  
have anything to do  
in the selection but  
I may have a power  
of veto, probably  
your father will  
be applied to. Between  
ourselves I dont  
want a German  
Do you see how  
these Schlagentweits  
are hawked about  
as if neither you  
nor Thomson had  
ever been on the  
Hymalayas.

[0006]

We shall send over  
that precious book

that gave me  
such a deal of  
bother before long

I hope M<sup>rs</sup> H.  
recovered nicely  
I have been spouting  
at different places  
but am thankful  
to say that work  
is now done. I go  
to Portugal soon  
And am Ever yours  
David Livingstone