

## Letter to John Washington, 12 February 1858

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[0001]

18 Hart St.

Bloomsbury

12 Feby 1858

Private

Dear Cap<sup>n</sup> Washington

I beg leave to  
forward to you  
M<sup>r</sup> Baines' formal  
application for  
a sum to be  
paid statedly to  
his mother, and  
feel sure that

[0002]

you will do kindly  
do what you  
can to forward  
his laudable  
desire.

The complaint  
of M<sup>r</sup> Welsh about  
the chronometer  
having run down  
was frivolous.  
I wrote a sharp  
letter to M<sup>r</sup> Charles  
Livingstone on

[0003]

recieving the report  
and on further  
investigation felt  
ashamed that I had  
done it. The watch  
did not run  
down but stopped  
and evoked the ejaculation  
"Hallo! have I  
forgot to wind  
it up" on trial  
with the key

[0004]

it was found  
wound up. Capt<sup>n</sup>  
Haig asked if it  
had been neglected  
and recieved the  
reply No. M<sup>r</sup>  
Welsh overhearing  
this infers & the  
inference is gravely  
reported to you  
as a fact. I was  
very much

[0005]

annoyed by the  
idea that my  
brother was  
careless in the  
performance of  
his duty. He  
walked all the  
way from  
Highbury to this  
about midnight  
and back again  
after recieving

[0006]

my note and  
after spending  
a sleepless night  
(I was out till  
(12 1/2) was here  
again early this  
morning to  
explain.

I should  
like to know  
if our magnetical

[0007]

observations  
will come through  
M<sup>r</sup> Welsh's  
hands - He stated  
that M<sup>r</sup> C. Livingstone  
was ignorant  
of logarithms.  
Now M<sup>r</sup> Welsh

never said a  
word to him  
about them  
and he [M<sup>r</sup> L.] is moreover

[0008]  
(though perhaps a  
little rusty from  
disuse) thoroughly  
educated being  
B.A. of his  
college. If there  
is not a sacred  
regard to truth in  
those to whom our  
observations [may] come  
the zeal of the Expedition  
for magnetism will  
undoubtedly sink to  
zero perhaps below it

[0009]  
I write you because  
as I am to be  
introduced to her  
Majesty tomorrow  
besides the dinner  
in the evening  
I fear I may  
not have the  
pleasure of  
waiting on you  
till Monday

[0010]  
Will you kindly  
aid me about  
the chronometer?  
I have thought  
a box one  
will be preferable  
A note from  
you to the  
Astronomer  
Royal and  
if necessary

[0011]  
an order for  
one of the tried  
ones to be

paid for (£30  
or a bit more)  
by me. The  
lady came this  
morning and  
wished me  
to go & buy it  
at once

[0012]

I send all my  
packages to  
Liverpool tomorrow  
(Saturday) and  
will visit my  
children for the  
last time on t

I am &c

David Livingstone