

## Letter to Mr. Baines, 8 August 1864

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My Dear M<sup>r</sup> Baines

I feel very much  
flattered by your  
invitation to lecture  
before the Leeds  
Philosophical &  
literary society and  
I think I could tell  
my story among  
Yorkshire men with  
as little embarrassment  
as among Scotchmen  
but I am anxious

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to get back to Africa  
again and by some  
work North of the  
Portuguese prevent  
my past labours  
from being rendered  
fruitless by those  
inveterate slavers -  
I left my steamer  
at Bombay for  
this very object  
when I might have  
sold her - and now  
in order to have a  
few months quiet  
but not of idleness  
refuse all public

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engagements except  
the British association

at Bath -

Please do accept  
hearty thanks for  
your kind offers  
of hospitality  
and present a  
warm greeting  
to Mrs Baines

from Yours Ever

David Livingstone

I think I have  
an invitation from

[0004]  
the secretary and hope  
that this which I  
could not answer  
sooner will suffice  
for an answer  
D.L.