

## Letter to Robert Napier, 24 June 1865

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[0001]

Burnbank Road  
Hamilton  
24 June 1865  
My Dear M<sup>r</sup> Napier  
I thank you  
very much for kindly  
remembering me  
in the Launch and  
Trial Trip - I shall  
be unable to avail  
myself the pleasure  
of seeing the launch  
but I should like  
mention only to friends who can appre-  
-ciate them I am your  
David Livingstone

[0002]

so very much to see  
an ironclad per-  
forming under  
your superintendance  
that if possible  
I shall be present  
as the trip tip of  
"Osman Ghazy - "  
on Wednesday  
In giving the  
usual intimation  
to my friends

[0003]

I quite forgot to 768  
send one to you  
and M<sup>rs</sup> Napier  
about the death

of my mother  
aged 82 - She  
said to me when  
going away seven  
years ago that  
she would like  
to have one of her  
"ladies" to lay her  
head in the grave  
that wish was granted  
for I performed

[0004]

the last duty to her yesterday  
Tell M<sup>rs</sup> Napier that the  
great change appeared only  
an hour before the dose  
in quicker breathing - My  
sister said - "I think the  
Saviour has come  
for your mother - You  
can lippen yourself to  
him" - "Oh yes she said  
in a way that only we  
Scotch can understand  
gave a last look to our  
little girl & send "bonnie  
wee lassie" closed her  
eyes & soon all was  
still - We are thankful  
to believe that she is safe  
in the haven of mercy  
These little things we