

## Letter to John Washington, 9 March 1858

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Birkenhead 9<sup>th</sup> March  
1858

Dear Captain Washington

D<sup>r</sup> Kirk has  
applied to me for his  
expenses from London  
to this place and also  
for those incurred during  
our detention here

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I dont know what answer  
to give him as I did  
not know whether they  
would be allowed or  
not. I told him that  
I had seen the different  
items of expenditure  
and contingencies  
of this kind did  
not appear among

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them but I would submit  
the matter to you. I did  
not think of putting down  
my own travelling expenses  
as my pay is running  
on but if D<sup>r</sup> Kirk's  
are to be paid all  
will of course apply  
Will you kindly tell  
me by a letter per  
mail to the Cape how  
I ought to act in this

[0004]

I am sorry that the  
weather continues so  
unpropitious for  
us. We are all quite  
ready and quite  
anxious to start  
but the wind forbids  
I have got the letter  
for Skene - thanks

I am &  
David Livingstone