

## Letter to Roderick I. Murchison, 18 November 1864

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My Dear Sir Roderick

I enclose a letter from  
the secretary of the American  
Geographical Society  
which shews that  
they too delight to do  
you honour.

I never got a sight  
of what you said  
when Kirk spoke of  
the fossils fishes &  
shells as corroborative  
of your views as to  
Africa being so old,

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can you tell me where  
I could get it for I  
must have it in the  
book. If you have  
not got the American  
Journal I shall lend  
you mine but I  
have not looked into  
it myself yet.

After thinking a  
good deal over poor  
Thornton's relations  
claim to salary I think  
that the fact of their  
having recieved money  
from the Paymaster  
of the Navy shews

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that they have recieved  
the salary for which  
I signed a certificate  
up to his lamented  
death. The Navy  
paymaster general

always paid the  
salaries of the officers  
of our Expedition  
mine was the only  
exception. So you  
need not feel distressed  
about it

The poor fellow in  
his generous desire to help  
the mission incurred a  
debt £47 of which he  
was to recieve from  
Bishop Tozer.

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not to allow Thornton's  
credit to be injured among  
the Portuguese I paid  
the £47. Tozer instead  
of refunding me sent  
this sum to Thornton's  
brother at Bradford  
This was explained three  
months ago both by  
me & Waller of the  
mission but M<sup>r</sup> G.  
Thornton has given  
me no answer. I  
suppose I must lose  
it, but it wont distress me.

I shall answer the  
American letter when  
you have seen it

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