

Letter to Joseph D. Hooker, 16 December 1857

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My Dear Hooker

I am very
sorry that an
engagement to dine
with Lord Chancellor
tomorrow (Thursday)
evening will
prevent my meeting
you and Nichol
at Burlington House

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I have mentioned
Nichol as a proper
person and as none
will be appointed
without my sanction
it might be well
for you to ask
him if he would
like to go and work
a year or two
with me so that
if nothing else comes
up I might be
able to speak positively
about him. I am

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writing to Edinburgh
for a few of his
antecedents but
I have such confidence
in your judgement
that I am almost
quite satisfied that
he will be the proper
man. You might
expatiate a little

on the disagreeables
of the expedition
in order to test him
I am sorry that the
big wigs feed came

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came in the way of
meeting you and
him, but I declined
once and the
Chancellor persevered
by send another
with the word
to remind on it
I suppose I must
go

With kindest
regards to M^{rs} H

I am &c

David Livingstone