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Among the Society's archive collections are seven letters from David Livingstone. Five of these are autograph letters -- in Livingstone's hand. Two are extracts, in another hand, from letters held elsewhere. His correspondence with Sir Edward Sabine, an expert in terrestrial magnetism, can be found in the Society's Sabine Papers; Livingstone wrote to Sabine during the period when the latter was Treasurer, and subsequently President, of the Society. A reply from Sabine to one of Livingstone's letters is in the archives. There is also an 1858 letter from Livingstone to John Herschel, astronomer and photographic pioneer, which forms part of the extensive Herschel Papers archive. The Society also holds other papers and correspondence relating to the 'Zambesi Expedition'.

Letters from Livingstone in the Society's Archives

- [to \[John Herschel\] \(11 February 1858\)](#).
- [to General Edward Sabine \(19 December 1858\)](#).
- [to General Edward Sabine \(6 February 1860\)](#).
- [to General Edward Sabine \(17 January 1861\)](#).
- [to General Edward Sabine \(13 December 1865\)](#).
- [Extract of a Letter to \[The Earl of Malmesbury?\] \(5 October 1858\)](#).
- [Extract of a Dispatch to \[The Earl of Malmesbury?\] \(17 December 1858\)](#).

Public Lecture

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Friday 9 November 2007 at 1:00pm

"Dr Livingstone I Presume": David Livingstone online at
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