The Hermitage
Mt. Carmel
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My dear Mr. Moffat,

Many thanks for your letter. I am so sorry that you should be so worried with all these difficulties. For various reasons, (which I shall hope to explain when I feel convinced that this arrangement you now propose is not proving satisfactory,) I therefore do not feel that it would be right for me to agree to it.

Moreover, the two postponements have so knocked about the arrangements I had planned for this winter, in connection with

my work here, that I shall now have to re-adjust all my dates & movements. It looks to me, now, as if it would be best for me to come for one visit only, extending over a rather longer period, — a little later on. But I shall hope to write again as soon as I can see how I can fit this in. In any case I think the work should be done in Cairo, or a suburb of Cairo. Meanwhile I hope you will get a little rest after your worrying time, & that God will soon show us the right course of action.

Yours, in His,

Ernest Newlandsmith