

13 June 1887 { Extracts of letters recd from Mr Davies
at Sierra Leone Africa, dated 1st Aug 1887

My ever much esteemed friends Mr & Mrs Fleming

I have to acknowledge the recd of your kind affectionate letters by Mr [unclear] who arrived here in safety with his wife on the 27th inst. I trust God will pay you abundantly for your kindness & attention to me. I have waded through deep waters these last 12 months, many troubles and few comforts have beset me. All my consolation is that God is not a stranger to my ~~loneliness~~. The Leaders of the Society in Free Town have ~~declared~~ against me and have ~~expelled~~ me from the pulpit, I am too plain for them, and truly I have found them a proud stiff necked generation. I understand they are going to accuse me of loading it over them, of being proud for a Methodist Preacher, and of paying too much attention to Government, the truth in this respect is, when we arrived here we found Methodism very low indeed, in the esteem of Government and the European Gentlemen in the colony. My dear departed Son's and my own conduct some how or other pleased the most respectable part of the Community, in consequence ~~therefore~~ some got jealous. Most of our Leaders as far as I can judge are of the American Republic spirit and are strongly averse to Government, I am a loyal subject to my King & ~~wish~~ to do the little I can for the support of that Government especially in a foreign part where there are not so many able advocates as at home. Before God I can say I never sought for honour in this place. I tried to do as much good as I could. I am now the senior alderman in Free Town and a peacemaker of the place. I objected as much as I could to both without absolutely giving offence to the Governor, which it was not my duty to do, for His Excellency has been and continues to be as a father to me, and I feel it my duty to obey him as far as I can consistent with religion.