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My Dear Sir

the only day
I have next week
is Tuesday, and
that in consequence
of the authorities
having refused
my brother in law

[0002]

permission to go
to Africa. He
was about to
marry on that
day and a change
of wind having
taken place at
the mission house
he is requested
to study medicine
for two months!

I was sorry that
I could not fulfil

[0003]

my intention of
visiting you before
but now the
time is past, as
next week is our
last. Next Monday
week we go to
see our children
and do not return
to London again

as we sail a
few days after

Thanks for your
kind thoughts about
me. I regret
[0004]
that pressing duties
have prevented my
seeing you more

I have not seen
Rookes' letters
unless his were
among a host
which have
been sent to me
& which I could
not even look
at

Yours very truly

David Livingstone

Rev^d H. Allon