

Letter to Arthur Tidman, 6 March 1858

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My Dear Sir

I am happy to be able
to inform you that the "Pearl"
is now going out of dock
and we sail in her on
Monday next about noon.
We touch at Sierra Leone
and at the Cape for coals
I am also very much gratified
by finding from your
obliging note of the 27 Feby
that the young men are to
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to leave in May and I may
repeat, the only thing that
could have come under
discussion had a meeting
taken place, that should
they come ~~under~~ through
Mosilikatze's country to
the Zambesi to a point
below the Victoria Falls
where our steam Launch
will be of any service
to them, my companions
will readily lend their
aid in crossing the
rivers & otherwise
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but that part being unexplored
and tsetse reported, it might
be better to go by the hill
Ngwa, as that is the only
known opening Northwards
On every other point M^r
Helmores can be trusted in
implicitly

You take the opportunity
of the note to state your
belief that M^r Moffat
separated himself from the
society by my advice. this belief was no doubt founded on what you felt to be
trustworthy evidence. You
have been misled, and
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as M^r Moffat is quite of age
to judge & act for himself the
statements [to me] respecting him
might without any impropriety
have been left unsaid. I
believe that M^r Moffat sympath-
izes with me in my affectionate
respect & esteem for the great
body of the Directors throughout
the country, but you will
agree with me that I cannot
be mixed up with differences
between small portions of the
Directors & their agents of the
society

I am &c

David Livingstone

Rev^d D^r Tidman