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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