

Letter to Anthony H. Hoskins, 5 January 1857

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Mission House

Blomfield St.

London

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My Dear Commander Hoskins

for so I suppose you
now are I recieved your
note of the first only this
morning and referred to
you as an authority
at a meeting of merchants
in the Mansion House
from which I have just
returned. I am glad

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to hear of your welfare
and often remembered you
in my solitary way
accross the continent
as I perused with
great delight your
kind present of
"Kosmos" I made
enquiries respecting
you of Captain Need
when I met him
in London. Do you
know anything of
Dallas since he left

[0003]

the service. You would
not come with me. Had
you done so I would
have despatched you
from the Zambesi up
to where Captain Burton
has now gone. He
would have been through
friendly tribes. My route
more difficult was through
an enemy's country
only I wanted a pathway

out by the Zambesi

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Please draw up an outline of what you know of the depth of water at the mouth of the Luabo, the safety or otherwise of the ports at the mouths of the Zambesi and say in a note apart from it whether you will allow me to send it to the Times in connection with & conformation of my letter. Give your proper title, services &c just as you would like it published & I shall send the manuscript to the Editor

I hope you will find it convenient to oblige Yours most truly
David Livingstone