

Letter to John Murray III, 24 September 1864

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My Dear M^r Murray

I hoped to have
called on you on monday
next but am detained
to visit Lord Taunton.
Immediately after that
say on Wednesday
I proceed to Newstead
Abbey - Mansfield
to begin work in
earnest. M^r Webb
the proprietor sent
an invitation to me
at Bombay to

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make that my head
quarters - and having
declined for various
reasons he overruled
them all, so I go - but
will call on you first.
I write now to ask
you to get some paper
for me. I like it
smooth for when
the pen glides over
it I get on much
more quickly. I
have written a good
many despatches
at different times

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and possess copies
would they do if
interlined with fuller
information to save
labour - or would it
be better to write all
out afresh
my brother has

his journal ready
but wishes to get
the profits in America.
30000 copies of
the last work were
sold there. I dont see
how this can be
managed for it
would not be true

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that his journal would be
my work - but I am
very willing to aid him
if I honestly can. I
meant to talk to you
about this. You need
not write - he is now
in London & may
possibly call on you.
I got over the Bath affair
after many a cold shiver
in the mere prospect of it -
and am as well as
could be expected. After
all my labour pains
the sense brought forth
was very different from
the report given to the Reporters
but it seemed to please and
so I am &c David Livingstone