

Letter to [Thomas L. Prentice?], 17 June 1840

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My Dear Friend

In compliance with your request
I shall not now endeavour to give utterance to the
emotions which spring up in my bosom when
I yesterday received your letter. I do this
rather reluctantly because, in returning thanks
to Him who bestows every good & perfect gift,
I would fain include the instrument through
whom the blessing has come -

I was not aware that I had made
known my pecuniary difficulties to any one
besides him who knows all things, but as
I now address a brother disciple of Jesus & a
friend who (quite unexpected by me) has taken [an interest] in
my future course, I may mention that these
difficulties were chiefly prospective & that
the Lord has now dispelled all my fears
& lifted off completely all those cares which
I had, with great freedom the very night
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proceeding the arrival of your letter, spread out
before his throne of grace

Allow me also to mention that [it may be said] through
you Our Gracious Father has assisted one
who, with far greater love & zeal & I might say
also, abilities than mine, has left this for
another country for the purpose of prosecuting
those studies which help to qualify for
engaging in that most honorable work in
which I hope to spend my life. His departure
having been the chief cause of ~~my~~ the low
state of my resources -

I feel very grateful for the manner in which
you have shewn your kindness & would beg an
interest in your prayers that I may not, after
all that the Lord has done for me, become
an unprofitable servant. I shall never cease

to pray that every temporal & spiritual blessing
may descend upon you & that the Lord will
fulfil the utmost desire of your heart with
respect to every one of your beloved family

Yours very affectionately D. Livingston