

## Letter to Charles M. Hay, 26 November 1860

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My Dear General Hay

It was extremely in you to remember me, you have done. I have had good to remember you, and you have recieved no of it again & again and has it been brought to my how much I owe you and your delightful home the Mauritius. Indeed you me so completely up, that the tear & wear of a fearful , though it wearied me , never broke me down, I have not had one attack of fever since return. Had I gone home once in 1856 and gone through terrible ordeal, then come out

[0002] could not have done the work I do . We have just finished a of 1400 miles in six months. went up the river in order to the Makololo to their own land along the North bank of the

Zambesi till we were in Lat. 17° 18 South about 28° East Long. then turned Westward ascending the near Tabacheu where saw hoar frost & a little ice descended Westwards into the central valley, to our old friends Makololo. When within 20 miles the Falls which I named after our we saw the columns of smoke went down to see this great . I have no hesitation now saying that there is none equal to in strangeness in the world. the breadth is not one but nearly two yards and it falls sheer 310 feet. The river was very and we could see everything clearly whole river leaps into a crack & this is prolonged in the most fantastic - the country below or East of falls being quite as high as the lip over

[0003] the Zambesi rolls - try if you can this scrawl. All these promontories are of the same as the bed of the river the falls and ~~and~~ 300 feet sheer down the river of a mile wide into a crack some eighty or

100 feet wide at the bottom. A most coal field extends from below

Tette to near Victoria Falls. In some places steamer could load out of the seam in bank of the river. These falls will visited and coal worked when we are longer here to write & talk about them hail with great satisfaction the of the Oxford & Cambridge , and I shall count it a to do whatever I can to aid Bishop and his clergy. It was the news I have heard in Africa most heartily do I thank Him has put the good purpose into servants hearts. No where do stand more in need of christianity civilization than the Africans if this mission is carried on faith & patience there is no but good will eventually be both to Africa & England. seems to me that we ought in all plans for the good of others

[0004] remember our own home - our honest poor - This leads me think of a small colony as likely to do good. Accompanied as it be by this mission with the religious I do not apprehend those frightful which have occurred elsewhere

(except New Zealand). As for the poor , I must say nothing, but you  
"can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear"

We found the chief Sekeletu labouring a skin disease believed to be leprosy effect of course of witchcraft & several head men had been put to for the crime. We tried to put him rights during our short stay and his revived. We found that a party from the London had been nearly [all] cut off by fever Linyanti. I regret this extremely the very time they were perishing at a

lower & more unhealthy of the river were curing the disease quickly that a patient would be down and resume his march foot a day or at most two the operation of the remedy. This I found effectual as long ago 1850 and ever since I have not lost case but I forbore to puff. I could be a quack and grieve now that missionaries did not know it. publish the composition now. Do drop a line at your leizure & you will oblige  
yours affectionately David Livingstone