

## Letter to H. Norton Shaw

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[0001]

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Sloane St.

My Dear Shaw

A few days  
ago M<sup>r</sup> Prout wrote  
to me saying that  
he thought I had  
known that the  
Directors of the Society  
had placed £200  
to my credit but  
finding I did not  
he now told me of it

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I suppose your  
movement has  
elicited this. I had  
on my arrival £100  
out of my four  
year 's salary. M<sup>rs</sup>  
L having been obliged  
to draw on it as all  
she got after paying  
for the children was  
£45 per annum  
which in war times  
was not very fattening  
that £100 finished

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and not a word said  
about aught else except  
commencing a new  
year [(1857)] which I don 't  
intend to do. I was  
obliged to apply first  
to you then to Murray  
I get what I need  
there - though it is eating my book

before it is  
made. I don 't mean  
to draw any of the  
£200 or anything else  
as that will be  
considered a hold upon  
me. And I don 't think

[0004]  
they have it in their  
power to give me any  
on the course I mean  
to pursue. The Society  
is to send the gospel  
& nothing else .

When on my way  
home I asked  
Tidman to send me  
the address of the  
authorities of the  
P & O. company  
as I believed they  
would give me  
a free passage

[0005]  
on account of  
my connection  
with the R.G.S.  
Instead of giving  
me what I asked  
Prout wrote to  
some of the company  
I don 't know  
whom and got  
a promise of  
the Passage money  
back £105 which  
I paid at the Pont  
de Galle, Ceylon .

[0006]  
No more was said  
or done a  
few days ago when  
Prout in his note  
said Tell me to  
whom you paid  
the money and  
we will get it

back for you .  
Now I don 't quite  
like this we will .  
It will be returned  
not on his account

[0007]  
at all. Are you  
acquainted with  
the P.& O. company?  
This letting me alone  
looks like wishing  
to let me feel the  
screw of want &  
then come humbly  
to them which  
though I am as  
much a missionary  
as ever I don 't  
like to do.

I think you had

[0008]  
better not do any  
more about the  
Fund. Though it  
would be well to  
have it when I  
need it & not when  
on the sea or where  
no shops are to be  
had to spend it.

I don 't mean to  
draw any more  
from the L.M.S.

Yours &c

David Livingstone