

Letter to James Atlay, 6 December 1864

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Dear Sir

I thank you
very much for
the kindly feeling
which prompted
you to invite me
to a missionary
meeting at Leeds,
but I had previously
declined to make
any public

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appearance there
not from any
dislike to the place
or people but
on account of
wishing to spend
my time at home
in a work which
I hope may do
more good than
could be expected
from my stammering
tongue. I wish to
let it be known
to the public how our

[0003]

efforts have been
baffled by the slave
trading Portuguese
and the book ought
to have been finished
by this time and
the author away
again. So I am
sure you will

kindly excuse me

You could not
have loved bishop
Mackenzie more
than I did. I had
him in the Pioneer
some six months

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& the more he was
known the better he
was liked. I deeply
grieve that his
mission has been
suspended for I
have no doubt but that
in time he would
have changed the
state of the country

With a kind salutation

I am &c

David Livingstone

(Rev^d) (D^r) Atley