

Letter to William Thompson, 5 February 1859

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misunderstood by me - I dont blame you in the least -

Tette 5th February 1859

My Dear M^r Thompson

I have lately received notice M^r José M. Nunes of Kilimane had to you through M^r Bedingfeld, sum of £20 together with the remain

-ing portion of the goods left in his charge, you agreed to receive in lieu of expenses you had incurred on of the London Missionary Society recollect appropriating to my own use a blanket - a bed & some shirts, so hope you will realize sufficient by remainder, to refund the price of the possessions too, which on a of paying for them to (Com^{re}) I allowed (Lieut^t) Peyton to . had but little time to think over the you made while I was in

Cape Town, and part of which you were enough to put on paper. You that my financial account with the Board in London from 1852" Pity you did not tell me ; for having recieved a letter of much date giving me certain financial

[0002] , and as I understood me more, I made the mistake asking you for [^][it to serve as] data in order to a settlement with both "Board & your- . You refused, but sent them afterwards notwithstanding. and the account exhibiting an amount grumpiness on account of my , which my previous acquaintance you did not lead me to expect. had been obliged to borrow my you told me. This made me enquire the Admiralty and I found that the had come just a day too late for [^][preceding] mail - The tone in which the accounts given induced me also to send a to make enquiry at the channel which it[they] had come - The result was statement that the goods left at Kilimane, of which I now have sent you, my own property and "everything of me by Thompson had paid by the mission." I have the silence - a document I wished send to you was partly transcribed when dangerous miscarriage prevented its and M^{rs} (L.) could not get letter for which you had applied out the hands of the worthies in Bloomfield Friends sometimes make allowances.

acted honourably and you have incurred the displeasure

of those who followed anotehr course in London while it confirms the I had formed of their animus, claims my sympathy, (D.) Livingstone

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I do not wish to enter on any dis- , or say one word to wound your , but think it would be unfair you to allow you to go on with the that I "misunderstood" you. various other quarters attempts were to lug forward the society, and except Leeds where money designed for me was sent elsewhere, every such was as abortive as you found own. All you advance by way covering your defeat is purely making virtue of necessity. The appeal was obviously for the society alone, that executive at home published it without however asking me pay for it or defraying the expense publication themselves, and as for large pamphlet, "another of the same" published in London and as it turned to the private pecuniary benefit men as nearly related to the society yourself, and equally loud in their of wishing to serve me & Mission. I was not asked to the expense of publication -

I knew nothing of these matters of [^][while] in London, till your account so they had no influence on my

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[non-]correspondence. I am sorry you put in such a false position. did not bring forward your in the usual way and to my you shrank from it to be so brought before the - It seemed as if you only perceived its true nature. you even placed it before me in a fair I would have paid all instantly having chosen to assume a claim never existed in as far as I am I naturally felt strong dislike being made to pay for puffing myself have never shewn any desire to be puffed though it should be done gratuitously.

You need not consider the money sent from me - but from the society the executive which, I consider most unrighteously, to pay your outlay. I never any of the money of the society except what I considered missionary . This I might still have used the same way, but prefer its going pay a society's just debt, or back to its - I hope that my remarks may not offensive - As I have already said am anxious to avoid wounding your feelings having enjoyed pretty large experience at in society's doings[^][under the present executive] I thought fairest to frankly that you were far from