

Letter to George L. Conyngham, 25 March 1858

David Livingstone

Published by Livingstone Online (livingstoneonline.org)
[0001]

[C/4/49] Steamer Pearl [MS 7/1]
25 March 1858 [Private]
My Dear Sir

We have been going
at the rate of 200 miles
a day ever since we
left Liverpool on the
10th and are now in
glorious summer weather
pitying the natives we
have left behind in
their miserable frost
and now - We go
into Sierra Leone
today and will get
nicely thawed out
[0002]

after all the chills we
endured in England
The Pearl has done
her duty nicely and
the captain, a good
man, is thoroughly
up to his duty -
My companions
seem all men of
of the right stamp and
I am thankful
to a kind Providence
for favouring us
thus far. When we
have waled we
proceed to the Cape.

I enclose to
you a packet of
[0003]
letters which you will
be kind enough to
forward to their destinations
Any expense you
may incur will be
paid by M^r Coult &c

We are not late enough
to send home a certificate
of life for this
quarter but we shall
do it at the Cape
Will you be kind
enough to let M^r Elliott
know that M^r Duncan
has furnished us with
a most excellent
captain - very few
equal him in knowledge
of his work. He formerly
commanded one of the
large New York steamers
[0004]

We hope to be at the
Zambesi by the first
of May. The Colonial
Office have acted from
first to last in the
most handsome way
to us and I am sure
I feel grateful

I am so sorry that
we did not arrange the
insurance so that we
could have gone in to
Loanda. I would have
sent a specimen of the
Angola coffee which
would have pleased you
more than beetles bugs
& cockroaches, it is the
finest I ever tasted and
I wish it were known
at home.

Accept of my
hearty thanks for all
your kindness I am &C

David Livingstone