

## Letter to Anthony H. Hoskins, 5 January 1857

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Mission House

Blomfield St.

London

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My Dear Commander Hoskins

for so I suppose you  
now are I recieved your  
note of the first only this  
morning and referred to  
you as an authority  
at a meeting of merchants  
in the Mansion House  
from which I have just  
returned. I am glad  
[0002]  
to hear of your welfare  
and often remembered you  
in my solitary way  
across the continent  
as I perused with  
great delight your  
kind present of  
"Kosmos" I made  
enquiries respecting  
you of Captain Need  
when I met him  
in London. Do you  
know anything of  
Dallas since he left  
[0003]  
the service. You would  
not come with me. Had  
you done so I would  
have despatched you  
from the Zambesi up  
to where Captain Burton  
has now gone. He  
would have been through

friendly tribes. My route  
more difficult was through  
an enemy's country  
only I wanted a pathway  
out by the Zambesi  
[0004]

Please draw up an outline of  
what you know of the  
depth of water at the mouth  
of the Luabo, the safety  
or otherwise of the ports at  
the mouths of the Zambesi  
and say in a note apart  
from it whether you will  
allow me to send it to the  
Times in connection  
with & confirmation of  
my letter. Give your  
proper title, services &c  
just as you would like  
it published & I shall send  
the manuscript to the Editor

I hope you will find it convenient to  
oblige Yours most truly  
David Livingstone