Letter to James MacLehose, 26 February 1846

Livingstone, David, 1813-1873

Chonuane 26 Feb 1846

My Dear Friend

I have no doubt but you
have heard long ere this of the death of your
friend Mr Philip. I only began to mourn his
loss a few days ago, for though living
in the same country the news must have
traveled to Europe as quickly as it came
here. It is indeed a public loss and
one which is much felt by missionaries
I now enclose a sketch of his character
by an unknown hand. It will I have
no doubt be acceptable to you as
one of his friends and should you
know any of his relatives the knowledge
that he was held in such high public
estimation may tend to soothe their
their sorrow. If you are pleased
with it my object in sending it will
be attained. His young and talented
widow has I am informed by her mother
in law Mrs Philip taken the noble
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resolution of endeavouring to follow
out her husbands plans. She ought to
have the prayers of all who knew her
departed husband -

I have to thank you for several
parcels of reviews &call are exceeding-
ly welcome. Be kind enough to send
some writing paper, not yellow but
of this colour. I am totally unable at
present to give any missionary information
the present opportunity of transmission
having occurred quite unexpectedly. It
is now long past bed time and I was
busy building in the sun all yesterday
the prospects for usefulness in converting
souls [...] much greater here than at
Mabotsa, a great deal of preparation

is necessary. It is like beginning
a farm in the wilds of upper Canada

Please present my kindest regards to
good Mrs Sewell. I wrote her lately
and will soon again~~Will you~~
~~[...]~~
[0003]
You must excuse the shortness of this
Take the enclosed as a component part
and then you will forgive yours

ever affectionately

D Livingston

I wonder how the little man Watt gets on
Is he near you?
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Care of Rev^{d}. Dr Philip Cape
Town

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