

## 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  
[0002]

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  
[0004]  
& 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

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