

## Letter to Henry Allon, 6 February 1858

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My Dear Sir

the only day  
I have next week  
is Tuesday, and  
that in consequence  
of the authorities  
having refused  
my brother in law

[0002]

permission to go  
to Africa. He  
was about to  
marry on that  
day and a change  
of wind having  
taken place at  
the mission house  
he is requested  
to study medicine  
for two months!

I was sorry that  
I could not fulfil

[0003]

my intention of  
visiting you before  
but now the  
time is past, as  
next week is our  
last. Next Monday  
week we go to  
see our children  
and do not return  
to London again

as we sail a  
few days after

Thanks for your  
kind thoughts about  
me. I regret  
[0004]  
that pressing duties  
have prevented my  
seeing you more

I have not seen  
Rookes' letters  
unless his were  
among a host  
which have  
been sent to me  
& which I could  
not even look  
at

Yours very truly

David Livingstone

Rev<sup>d</sup> H. Allon