

Letter to Richard Thornton, 25 June 1859

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M^r R. Thornton

Sir

On our arrival in November last, I you in addition to my instructions an order proceed with a geological of this district a starting point; and order not having been I made every allowance your suffering from "prickly heat" and other little . But at a subsequent I urged on you the of your making exertion to fulfill the

[0002] of your appointment Mining Geologist and D^r Kirk and I were opinion that such would have benefitted health. You were informed that Major was ready to you to all the interesting points in the district I gave you written so that there should no excuse.

according to your own you did as little as possible though people had instructions take you to the different seams already known. you disinclined to work general geology, I set to run a shaft into of the coal seams to

[0003] its quality at a proper in which you told was 20 or 30 ~~yards~~feet visited you on the 14th March and you were ordered proceed with this work. returned from it on 3^d of May having with people employed accomplished 13 feet nine inches, and in perfect health have continued ever since. Hearing you were remaining idle I sent an order Senna for you to on with the geological of the district you have not to. I am therefore by your repeated

[0004] of orders inform you that your is stopped from third of May the date which you retired one duty and declined another. It is great reluctance I take this step your failure to do duty forces me reluctantly to mine to H M's and separate from the Expedition.

I am &c

David Livingstone

H. M.'s Consul

Commanding Zambesi Expedition

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