

Letter to James Hannan, 15 February 1861

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On board "Pioneer"
At Sea 15th Feb^y 1861.
James Hannan Esq.
My Dear Sir
I am desired
by M^r King to enclose
an answer to his
communication of
13th Sept^r /60 to you. You
will see that I cannot
recommend our
coloured bretheren to try
their skill in Africa
We found that our Kroomen
even from the West Coast

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suffered from Fever
and it is well known
that residence in a
healthy climate renders
them quite as liable
perhaps more so, to
be cut off as Europeans
a slight attack prostrates
them. When lately at
Victoria falls my
brother had a severe
attack - took our remedy
and marched next
day on foot. Africans
do not possess the
energy of Europeans
and need about as
many comforts

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The event of most
interest and importance
in this out of the
world region is the
arrival of bishop

Mackenzie and his
staff of missionaries.
They look a fine set
of fellows all of them
and the bishop is without
doubt the A.1. of the
party. They appear
to have sound practical
views of the work
before them and
with all my
heart I wish them success

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We have a real steamer
at last and with God's
blessing will now do
some service. Our
hindrances have turned
out for the best but
no thanks to the agents
who hindered us.

Please present my
very kind regards to
M^{rs} Hannan & family
and believe me

Faithfully Yours

David Livingstone

This is not my first letter
but I have recieved none
from you.