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My Dear Parents & Sisters

I have but just
time to write a note for
the men are packing up
to be gone and I must
soon follow. this is
the farthest inland
station of the Portuguese
and from this the last
mail of the Interior departs
all beyond is as it was
in the beginning when
Adam delved & Eve span
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This province is physically
very fine. Everything put
into the ground rushes
up in rank luxurance
It would be a Paradise
if such things could be
found on earth. But
the black population is
all steeped in the grossest
superstition and idolatry
and from the rest of the
population the laws of
the Portuguese debar' the
the Bible by way of
preventing religious disputes
and dissention. Such
laws would seem to
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fail rather in the object of
attaining peace for revolutions
are as common in Portugal
as changes of ministry
are in England. If bibles
were freely admitted and
read the priests would

perhaps come more into
the country than they
do. At present the
fever keeps them off
the natives of Congo
have built 12 churches
although they have not
a single padre to them
all. How this land
may be enlightened I
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cannot divine but "it's
coming yet for a that"
And He who is wonderful
in counsel and excellent
in working will bring
all yet to a glorious
consummation. A whole
batch of letters &c were
lost by the wreck of the
"Forerunner" off Madeira
I suppose some were for
you because I am such
a good correspondent!
My trumpeter being out of
the way at present I
have to perform the duty
myself. With kindest
salutations to Mother sisters &c. I am ever
affectionately yours D Livingston