

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.