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 14^{th} Feby 1855

My dear M^r Gabriel

Along with this I enclose the map

& letter for Sir R. Murchison

In opening it you will find it easy

if you will let it stand an hour or two in a towel on which you sprinkled

some water previously.

The same process will enable you to

fold it again with facility

Please when you write to Lieut

Bendingfeld present my compliments

on his escape.

Fancy the natives in 1855 of the "new"

"earth", & no more sea, digging up my

fossil manuscripts & as much puzzled

to tell the situation of Angola as the

Commentators have been with the

whereabouts of the Garden of Eden.

As you are a lawyer in embryo

(pardon) I suppose the decision that

a person born out of England is an

"alien"- will change your views a

little, I believe it was given in a

case of copyright.

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2.re Gabriel

English parents don't now produce

English children

Mine are therefore niggers - "moleques"-

in fact for they were born in Africa

Excuse the hotch potch note

Believe me ever most

affectionately yours

(sd.) David Livingstone

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