

## Letter to Unknown, [1 September-31 December 1859]

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This is to be returned to the Bp of Oxford  
~~Private~~ I feel every day more and more  
impressed with the idea that a colony of  
our own hardworking christian people  
is the only means that will put a stop to  
to the slave trade entirely - and render us  
independent of the produce of slave  
labour. this is the land for cotton &  
sugar - and yet the few Portuguese here  
export the labourers to a worse soil  
I don't like to say much before hand  
but in July we return to the Lakes &  
I believe to open up the whole of Eastern  
t.o.

[0002]  
Africa but my heart is really sore to think  
the Portuguese stand in the way. they have  
an idea that a company will be formed  
and they as masters of the soil will become  
rich without taking their cigars out of their  
mouths. If you can do anything towards  
bringing the idea of a colony prominently  
forward you will perform a great  
service. I mean a Christian colony. A  
bodily transplantation of all our peculiarities  
as a Christian people and for a specific  
object, bending all our energies to the extinction  
of the trade in the bodies of men D Livingstone