

Letter to [Roderick I. Murchison?]

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Private

You cannot the state I was in on the
stoppage of three letters somewhere .
I imagined that you had
thrown me overboard and
being in poor health I
racked my thoughts to discover
wherein I had been senseless
enough to have offend you. I
thought all manner of
things - but all came right
when I found the missing
letters on 31st Oct^r and
one from Lady Murchison too .
I thank you and her
very much, and pray
that the Almighty may
bless you. hey lifted a
heavy weight off my
mind and heart .

Very glad to hear of the
success of my friends

[0002]

Speke and Grant. I had
become very uneasy about
them. I would have tried
to have gone in by the Webbe
had I been attempting the Nile
but it has turned out well
for our country .

I don 't know whether
I am destined to be thrown
on the shelf or not. he Earl
of Clarendon said that I
had been put on the list
of Consuls by way of
providing for me. If I
am thrown into idleness
I shall come out here again

rather .

he mission of the Univer-
sities has not answered
my expectations & then
they blame me for their
fighting which took place
when I was away at the
Lake - come what may

[0003]
I shall never blame another
for what I do myself.
he New bishop was two
months ago on the top
of Morambala mountain at the mouth of the Shire
4000 feet high - Fancy a
mission on the top of
Ben Nevis and no
people near to teach.
The clouds condensing
drop through their roofs
perpetually.

he river not yet up
(4 Dec^r) though we have
been back a month .
Wish we had gone on
to Bemba but I should
not have been happy
knowing that I was
neglecting my duty to
the Pioneer. We take
Lady Nyassa to India if
we can to sell her.
Earl Russell says that

[0004]
the expense of this expedition
cannot be justified - I
wonder if the expense of
the cruizers on the coast
one of which costs £25,000
per annum can be justified
if we had got the steamer
on the Lake we should
have done more to stop
the slave trade than half
a dozen cruizers. Unless
the slave trade of buba is
stopped the Portuguese never

will give it up .

David Livingstone

he bishop is off before
me. I take the boys & children
whom he wished to abandon
& send them to the Cape - there
are about 40 altogether - having
liberated them once I felt in
honour bound to see them
free. he bishop is about as fit
to be a missionary as I am to
be the Director at Jermyn St .
At Mozambique 24 Feb^y all right