

Letter to Richard Thornton, 30 July 1862

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My Dear Sir

In coming down
we ran aground twice after
you left us. The prospect
of finding the river still
lower a month hence made
us almost conclude that
it will be better to spend
the months between August
& November in boat
exploration of the Rovuma
than in slowly threading
[0002]

our way up Zambesi &
Shire. It is not quite decided
yet but we must go to
Johanna for though the
Ariel called she had no
Johanna crew with her
and was on her way to
the Cape. We parted with
our incorrigibles & got a
carpenter & quartermaster -
instead: we are now getting
ready for sea. In the mail
I see one letter for you.
Please to send forward
[0003]

the mail for the Mission
Vianna will do it at their
expense.

Captain Oldfield said that
the Baron had grumbled to the
men of war at your having
published a paper. I
understood that you were
perfectly free to do so and
think you had better let
your friends know the

footing on which you
went in case the Baron
should say publicly that
you had broken your
engagement. I give you
[0004]
this hint as the Germans will
be sure to appropriate all the
credit to themselves if they can.
If you go to Gorongoza look
well after the inscriptions
and in Manica it will be well
to ascertain the exact gold
bearing stratum. Hoping that
you will keep your health
& be protected by our
Almighty Father

I am &c.

David Livingstone

M^r R. Thornton