

Letter to Parents and Sisters, 14 February 1855

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My Dear Parents & Sisters

I have but just

time to write a note for

the men are packing up

to be gone and I must

soon follow. This is

the farthest inland

station of the Portuguese

and from this the last

mail of the Interior departs

all beyond is as it was

in the beginning when

Adam delved & Eve span

salutations to Mother sisters &c. I am ever

affectionately yours D^d Livingston

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This province is physically

very fine. Everything put

into the ground rushes

up in rank luxuriance

It would be a Paradise

if such things could be

found on earth. But

the black population is

all steeped in the grossest

superstition and idolatry

and from the rest of the

population the laws of

the Portuguese debar' the

the Bible by way of

preventing religious disputes

and dissention. Such

laws would seem to

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fail rather in the object of

attaining peace for revolutions
are as common in Portugal
as changes of ministry
are in England. If bibles
were freely admitted and
read the priests would
perhaps come more into
the country than they
do. At present the
fever keeps them off
the natives of Congo
have built 12 churches
although they have not
a single padre to them
all. How this land
may be enlightened I

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cannot divine but "it's
coming yet for a that"
And He who is wonderful
in counsel and excellent
in working will bring
all yet to a glorious
consummation. A whole
batch of letters &c were
lost by the wreck of the
"Forerunner" off Madeira
I suppose some were for
you because I am such
a good correspondent!
My trumpeter being out of
the way at present I
have to perform the duty
myself. With kindest