

## Letter to Edmund Gabriel, 14, 15 February 1855

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letter from D<sup>r</sup> David Livingstone

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14<sup>th</sup> Feby 1855

My dear M<sup>r</sup> 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 Lie<sup>ut</sup>  
Bedingfeld 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.

[0002]

2.re Gabriel

English parents don't now produce  
English children

Mine are therefore niggars - "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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