

Letter to Anthony H. Hoskins, 5 January 1857

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Mission House

Blomfield St.

London

5th January 1857

My Dear Commander Hoskins

for so I suppose you

now are I recieved your

note of the first only this

morning and referred to

you as an authority

at a meeting of merchants

in the Mansion House

from which I have just

returned. I am glad

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to hear of your welfare

and often remembered you

in my solitary way

accross the continent

as I perused with

great delight your

kind present of

"Kosmos" I made

enquiries respecting

you of Captain Need

when I met him

in London. Do you

know anything of

Dallas since he left

[0003]

the service. You would

not come with me. Had

you done so I would

have despatched you

from the Zambesi up

to where Captain Burton

has now gone. He

would have been through

friendly tribes. My route

more difficult was through

an enemy's country
only I wanted a pathway
out by the Zambesi

[0004]

Please draw up an outline of
what you know of the
depth of water at the mouth
of the Luabo, the safety
or otherwise of the ports at
the mouths of the Zambesi
and say in a note apart
from it whether you will
allow me to send it to the
Times in connection
with & conformation of
my letter. Give your
proper title, services &c
just as you would like
it published & I shall send
the manuscript to the Editor

I hope you will find it convenient to
oblige Yours most truly
David Livingstone