

## Letter to Robert M. Livingstone, 25 March 1858

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Pearl,  
near Sierra Leone  
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My Dear Robert,

We have been going  
at the rate of 200 miles a day  
ever since we left Liverpool  
and have been much favoured  
by a kind providence in  
the weather Poor Oswell was  
sorely sick while rolling  
through the Bay of Biscay  
and eat nothing for about  
three days but we soon

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got away from the ice &  
snow to beautiful summer  
weather, and we are getting  
nearly thawed. We sleep  
with all our portholes open  
and are glad of the morning  
by day - At night we see  
the Southern cross and the  
pole star which stands  
so high over you is here  
so low we cannot see  
it for the haze - We shall  
not see it again but  
the same Almighty gracious  
fFather is over all and  
is near to all who love him

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you are now alone in the  
world and must seek his

friendship and guidance  
for if yo do not lean  
on him you will go  
astray and find that the  
way of trangsgressors is  
hard. The Lord be  
gracious to you and  
accept you though un -  
worthy of his favour  
    you must write  
to me for if you do not  
[...] continue to write

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to you. Oswell says he will  
gather some shells for you  
we land today but it is  
only to cool and then we  
go to the cape - we  
shall be there before  
Uncle John Moffat  
Mama & Oswell's love  
to you - My kind regards  
to your master & Mistress  
if French is not too  
much for you it might  
be added to Latin & Greek  
but your master will  
[...] [kn]ow best [...]