

Letter to R.M. Smith, 24 November 1864

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Mansfield, Notts.
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My Dear Sir

I thank you
very much for
your kind invitation
to dinner on Monday
but I am still
busy at my work
here and sorry
that it does not
permit my going
South - I also

[0002]

thank you for
kindly writing on
behalf of my son
to D^r Sherman -
your friend adopts
the line we sometimes
had a smile over
in Africa - several
friends would write
so many [^] [other] friends
must have given
you the news that
I need not go into
particulars - Or
I would have sent

[0003]

you the new book [150]
but feel certain that
some other of your
numerous friends
must have sent
it - the upshot

was we neither
got the news nor
the book - however
I thank you for
so far as you were
concerned doing
what you could
and am &
David Livingstone

[0004]

You asked in one
of your notes what
took another son
into the Federal Army
He says he was
kidnapped - and
his refraining from
taking life even in
the frenzy of a
charge shews that
he is there against
his will - M^r Adams
was here to lunch one
day & I had a promise
that he would do what
he could - this makes
me anxious for his brother

[0005]

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