

Letter to Anthony H. Hoskins, 5 January 1857

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Mission House

Blomfield St.

London

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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
across 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 & confirmation 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