

## Letter to Thomas S. Livingstone, 28 February 1860

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Kongone Harbour  
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My Dear Tom

I answer to a request from Robert I have sent some small specimens of natural history some of which are for you, and which as manifesting the wisdom and power of God you will do well to study. They go home by M<sup>r</sup> Rae who will tell

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you all he can about us - so you may ask him any question you please. I enclose the horns of an African oryx shot by D<sup>r</sup> Kirk and some other things to shew that you are not forgotten.

We are going up to the Makololo country soon and regret having been delayed so long in the lower part of the river. but the delay has led to our discovering

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a magnificent country by going up the Shire until we reached the Lake from which it flows. We think that our Heavenly Father has work for us there in suppressing the trade in slaves. We were much deceived in our ship by a person who making great pretensions

to piety tried to turn the  
whole Expedition to his  
own wordly advantage  
Whatever you do in life be

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honest and sincere in serving  
both God & man. The untruths  
this man had to tell to cover  
his deceit & selfishness were fright-  
ful. The Lord bless & keep  
you from all evil and grant  
that no sin may have  
dominion over you.

A mail bag which was lost  
here by the boat being capsized  
was found and carried to Kilimane  
and thence to Tette. Hope a letter  
from you is in it but ten to one  
if it is readable now after being  
like Jonah in the sea but not in the  
whale's belly

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