

Letter to Robert M. Livingstone, 25 March 1858

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Pearl,
near Sierra Leone
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1858

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 [...]