

## Letter to George L. Conyngham, 25 March 1858

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Steamer Pearl  
25 March 1858  
Private

My Dear Sir

We have been going  
at the rate of 200 miles  
a day ever since we  
left Liverpool on the  
10th and are now in  
glorious summer weather  
pitying the natives we  
have left behind in  
their miserable frost  
and snow - We go  
into Sierra Leone  
today and will get  
nicely thawed out

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after all the chills we  
endured in England  
The Pearl has done  
her duty nicely and  
the captain, a good  
man, is thoroughly  
up to his duty -  
My companions  
seem all men of  
of the right stamp and  
I am thankful  
to a kind Providence  
for favouring us  
thus far. When we  
have waled we  
proceed to the Cape.  
I enclose to

you a packet of

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letters which you will  
be kind enough to  
forward to their destinations  
Any expense you  
may incur will be  
paid by M<sup>r</sup> Coult &c  
We are not late enough  
to send home a certificate  
of life for this  
quarter but we shall  
do it at the Cape  
Will you be kind  
enough to let M<sup>r</sup> Elliott  
know that M<sup>r</sup> Duncan  
has furnished us with  
a most excellent  
captain - very few  
equal him in knowledge  
of his work. He formerly  
commanded one of the  
large New York steamers

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We hope to be at the  
Zambesi by the first  
of May. The Colonial  
Office have acted from  
first to last in the  
most handsome way  
to us and I am sure  
I feel grateful

I am so sorry that  
we did not arrange the  
insurance so that we  
could have gone in to  
Loanda. I would have  
sent a specimen of the  
Angola coffee which  
would have pleased you  
more than beetles bugs  
& cockroaches, it is the  
finest I ever tasted and  
I wish it were known  
at home. Accept of my  
hearty thanks for all

your kindness I am &c  
David Livingstone