

Letter to [Thomas L. Prentice?], 17 June 1840

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1840 My Dear Friend

In compliance with your request

I shall not now endeavour to give utterance to the emotions which spring up in my bosom when I yesterday received your letter. I do this rather reluctantly because, in returning thanks to Him who bestows every good & perfect gift, I would fain include the instrument through whom the blessing has come -

I was not aware that I had made known my pecuniary difficulties to any one besides him who knows all things, but as I now address a brother disciple of Jesus & a friend who (quite unexpected by me) has taken ^ an interest in my future course, I may mention that these difficulties were chiefly prospective & that the Lord has now dispelled all my fears & lifted off completely all those cares which I had, with great freedom the very night

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proceeding the arrival of your letter, spread out before his throne of grace

Allow me also to mention that it may be said through you Our Gracious Father has assisted one who, with far greater love & zeal & I might say also, abilities than mine, has left this for another country for the purpose of prosecuting those studies which help to qualify for engaging in that most honorable work in which I hope to spend my life. His departure having been the chief cause of ~~my~~ the low state of my resources -

I feel very grateful for the manner in which you have shewn your kindness & would beg an interest in your prayers that I may not, after all that the Lord has done for me, become an unprofitable servant. I shall never cease

to pray that every temporal & spiritual blessing
may descend upon you & that the Lord will
fulfil the utmost desire of your heart with
respect to every one of your beloved family

Yours very affectionately D^d Livingston