

Letter to Richard Thornton, 30 July 1862

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Kongone 30th July 1862

My Dear Sir

In coming down
we ran aground twice after
you left us. The prospect
of finding the river still
lower a month hence made
us almost conclude that
it will be better to spend
the months between August
& November in boat
exploration of the Rovuma
than in slowly threading

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our way up Zambesi &
Shire. It is not quite decided
yet but we must go to
Johanna for though the
Ariel called she had no
Johanna crew with her
and was on her way to
the Cape. We parted with
our incorrigibles & got a
carpenter & quartermaster -
instead: we are now getting
ready for sea. In the mail
I see one letter for you.
Please to send forward

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the mail for the Mission
Vianna will do it at their

expense.

Captain Oldfield said that the Baron had grumbled to the men of war at your having published a paper. I understood that you were perfectly free to do so and think you had better let your friends know the footing on which you went in case the Baron should say publicly that you had broken your engagement. I give you

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this hint as the Germans will be sure to appropriate all the credit to themselves if they can. If you go to Gorongozo look well after the inscriptions and in Manica it will be well to ascertain the exact gold bearing stratum. Hoping that you will keep your health & be protected by our Almighty Father

I am &c.

David Livingstone

M^r R. Thornton