

## Letter to Benjamin T. Pyne, 15 December 1856

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Mission House

My Dear Friend

Your very  
welcome note of the  
3<sup>d</sup> I found on my arrival  
on Wednesday night &  
now thank you for  
its contents. We came  
from Southampton  
on Saturday whither  
I had gone to bring  
M<sup>rs</sup> L. We have several  
meetings to attend and  
will as soon as possible

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go to visit my poor  
mother in Scotland  
I shall have very little  
time to spend in England  
as 110 men wait for  
me at Tete and I must  
get through the Quilimane  
Delta before the unhealthy  
season begins. You  
have heard of the loss  
of my father than  
whom there is none  
in England I should  
have liked better to have  
narrated my adventures

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I have recieved no letter  
since one in 1852 from

Mary when Mamma  
whom we all dearly  
loved and whose  
memory we revere  
was not expected to  
live. We have no  
idea how we shall  
be situated but it will  
be in some quiet spot  
near London proper  
for writing. I shall  
not engage in  
speechifying. Present

[0004]  
our kindest regards to  
all your family &  
believe me ever  
Affectionately Yours  
David Livingston