From His Excellency,
Count Einsiedel,
President of the Saxon Mission Society
in Dresden,

via Hamburg

London, **January 10, 1837**

Your Excellency's respectful letter of November 11th has arrived somewhat late, but it is correct. I would have replied earlier, had it not pleased God to afflict me with several illnesses since then, in accordance with His fatherly wisdom and love.

Here in London, for over 100 years, several Evangelical Lutheran churches have been established and preserved, which enjoy the most complete freedom of religion and belief, and worship God freely and undisturbed in the German manner and language, even using the Confessional writings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as the basis for their religious instruction.

A similar Lutheran church also existed in the Cape Town under the previous Dutch rule and still exists under the current English government. And if missionaries of your society wish to establish mission stations within the borders of the English Cape Colony, they may, in my opinion, simply address a petition to the English governor upon their arrival, present their wishes and plans with complete openness, and request his protection. I am certain it will not be denied to them. (Since Bishop Hallbeck is well-known and highly regarded by the English government in the Cape, his intercession will be of the greatest importance and success.)

But the Savior, who has all power in heaven and on earth, and who has promised to be with His followers until the end of the world, will equip those men who are to be sent out by the Evangelical Lutheran Mission Society into the pagan world with the spirit of His apostles and our accomplished reformers, so that they may proclaim His name far and wide in the pagan world, nurture His church, and lead thousands of His redeemed to Him.

With the utmost respect, I sign myself as Your Excellency's humble servant,

L. Fr. A. Steinkopf, M.D.