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Private I feel every day more and more impressed with the idea that a colony of our own hardworking christian people is the only means that will put a stop to the slave trade entirely - and render us independent of the produce of slave labour. this is the land for cotton & sugar - and yet the few Portuguese here export the labourers to a worse soil I don't like to say much before hand but in July we return to the Lakes & I believe to open up the whole of Eastern t.o.

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Africa but my heart is really sore to think the Portuguese stand in the way. they have an idea that a company will be formed and they as masters of the soil will become rich without taking their cigars out of their mouths. If you can do anything towards bringing the idea of a colony prominently forward you will perform a great service. I mean a Christian colony. A bodily transplantation of all our peculiarities as a Christian people and for a specific object, bending all our energies to the extinction of the trade in the bodies of men D Livingstone