

## Letter to Robert Moffat 1, 5 October 1846

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My Dear Father

The arrival of ( Capt<sup>n</sup> ) Nardon

& M<sup>r</sup> Oswel immediately after the departure Mamary, has prevented my writing this opportunity. - They are now to start. - Baba & his party are making ready for departure

M<sup>rs</sup> Mamary have mentioned our desires a waggon of M<sup>r</sup> Oswel. We he is perfectly willing to oblige in reference to the payment. Mentions years as soon enough for the [...] [a]tion of debt and now desires to write you a line & ask you inspect the waggon for me. I have skill in waggons whatever and is [^][in] the same condition with respect that kind of knowledge. We wish matter referred to your judgement length of time however given a consideration which will any defect in the vehicle

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M<sup>r</sup> ( O. ) asked if it would be necessary to the bands previous to sending up. Will you give your opinion to this step.? I do not know ought to be done. As to painting think it would be better to get paint & oil & we can do the needful . - M<sup>r</sup> ( O. ) purposed leaving it at a day & half from Colesbery. I have men might be sent down from

Kuruman and if you send a span oxen while the expenses of [the] men be put to my account. all goods you may send for or boxes for you at Colesbery will or be drawn along by your . If you can make any of this sort, it will us much. If not convenient present- M<sup>r</sup> ( O. ) will leave the waggon the place appointed till some other . The place appointed is

M<sup>r</sup> Nelson Orlogpoort[']s river

35 south of ~~Kuruman~~ Colesbery

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we have not been able to pay Baba because have not money sufficient- are Forty two dollars for the of goods, and some other additional about which as have to count yet I set down other ten - if you will kindly these two sums- it will farther oblige us. Edwards & I in the same predicament money. Wish somebody would me a hundred or two nobody thinks enough of me that- None of my forefather were their breeches else I might have something. They wore kilts. poor . - The gentlemen are on the of mispanning and as they waiting here my thoughts have confused- I shall send

Macaca by M<sup>r</sup> Cumming for enclosure M<sup>r</sup> Whish's box- This address be written on the lid (perhaps tiomed)

Charles Whish ( Esq<sup>re</sup> ) 144 New Road - Glasgow- if sent

Cape ways - care of Jamieson & ( Co)[ Cape Tow[...] [n]]

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you might scold me as you like could both speak plainly enough together & let the righteous smite &c. I should not grumble at amount of faithful sunting

Affectionately yours

hope to have time to write before

Mr ( C) arrives - excuse all the blunders this - All are well. Robert IV - Hope Mamary got safely- Should like much have a visit from yourself

Rev<sup>d</sup> ( R.) Moffat

Kuruman

( Fow<sup>d</sup>) by ( W.) Oswel ( Esq<sup>re</sup>)