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My Dear Captain Washington

I take the liberty of enclosing a of articles said by Baines to have furnished by Windsor & Newton had stowed away a very large quantity artists' materials in his private boxes on D^r Kirk asking where he got , replied, that Windsor & Newton made him a present of them. , that he got them out of the expedition. It might easily ascertained whether Windsor & Newton (Spring gardens) really made him a of those materials - paints of kinds - canvas &c. I suspect Australian Expedition was a one and the Colonial office

[0002] gave him a good character has a large parcel of brass rings his boxes at Tette stolen from private property.

Thornton seemed to turn over a new when cut off from us. We could previously get a bit of work of him. He tried to get D^r Kirk invalid him in vain. He went up Zumbo with a half cast trader has only confounded my published of the extension of the field thither. I offered him a home but the Portuguese induced him to examine the part of Kebrabasa for a silver mine said to have been once by the Jesuits. He says he no animus against me. "It was lethargy he could not shake off.", and is now fat & well. He wished to sell him our theodolite and

[0003] sextant but I could not see Gov^t . He has the use of all the he brought out

By the way our craft has nearly most of the magnetic besides provisions & property. We can take only barely serves for a trip is so leaky and wet. Could send us some magnetic that may have been from other Expeditions .e. if we get a new ship the Bann. With incredible and repeated dryings worthy associate D^r Kirk has at least got his collection so far to the sea. I feel that Sir William Hooker be pleased and I am

[0004] choice does him great credit are many new plants and hope you will make the valuable & cottons known. We have seeds of Buaze to Natal, the Cape and India.

I hope you will lend your in getting freedom of navigation the Zambesi. While the Portuguese the exclusive use of it no can be done. They are few number and of the convict class . The immorality is frightful any one who does no do as do is hated - they hate us , but we have had no quarrel. keep aloof and seem to be as standing protests their ways. According to the fine young men of Commodore Owen's party

[0005] killed by indulgences with

Donna Pascoa & other women this place. Bedingfeld been exhibiting his bougies and I was taken aback the superintendant of the once asking me something him and asking specifying as "the officer with Bougies." I am not so discouraged by the defections have taken place as you be for I have seen a many occur even among . It is only by perseverance that is ultimately obtained should I get the vessels

[0006] have applied for I feel confident with the Divine blessing large amount of good will . We have overcome the , and know that any living morally need fear it more than a cold. A curious has of late shewed itself very greatly decreased dose the remedy serves better a large one did at first

1/2 a grain of the pill produces much effect as 10 or 12 formerly. Good living essential i.e. if compelled live on salt meat or maize meal are more liable to fever. We

[0007] have flour and fresh meat I think that after any specially work ale would be beneficial when we returned from

Nyassa after forty days tramp all took a sore longing for glass of beer though on ordinary and at home we care for it.

I have been obliged to buy to pay current expenses is very much dearer than I got from M^r Turner of Manchester. Our Makololo of 12 did well for six but got so tired by wood cutting in

[0008] up the river that they me to take others. I took

24 the wood cutting required is really breaking. I beg you to M^r Rae all about the and everything else. I dont wish to hide an iota from you.

I come down now though the is all patched and continually out afresh in order to M^r Rae safely off and D^r 's specimens with him. I would have gone up the Makololo at once - but felt perplexed to whether you will send us another - the loss of the mail bag us in the dark. We heard Senna that the mail bag had found & taken by a native Quilimane & passed us on the way from Tette Ever yours

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