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Extracts of letter from Rev^d D^r dated Cassange, Angola, Africa, 14th January 1855.

[Communicated through D^r Shaw, by London Missionary Society.]

~~In the city of Loanda~~ I arrived

[in the City] wearily knocked up and suffering from fever and . Edmund Gabriel, Esq^r, Her Majesty's for the suppression of the slave , ~~and the only Englishman I know in the city~~, most generously received me and my 27 into his house. I shall never forget delicious pleasure of lying down on his bed sleeping six months on the ground, nor unwearied attention and kindness through a sickness which M^r G[abriel] invariably shewed. God reward him. My companions were with awe at the sight of a city, and especially when taken on board H. M. ships war. The kindness of the officers of the cruizers the last vestige of fear from their minds, , finding them to be all my countrymen, they the fallacy of the declarations ~~of the negroes of every village we came to west of Cassange – 'that the white man was taking them to the sea, and would sell them all to be taken on board ship, fattened, and eaten.'~~[made to them on the road.][felt themselves to be in safety.][stet] were afterwards engaged in discharging coals a ship for wages, and will marvel to

[0002] end of their lives at the prodigious quantity 'stones that burn' one ship could contain. previously imagined their own little canoes the Zambesi the best vessels, and themselves most expert sailors in the world.

"His Excellency the Bishop of , then the acting Governor of the , received my companions with great , and assured them of his protection and , as well as desire to promote commerce with the Country of Sekeletu. also sent a present of a horse & handsome for that chief, and shewed very great to myself in my sickness. The too of Loanda took the opportunity our return to send presents to Sekeletu, and, they give much envie for the produce of country, than can be, or is done by mer-from the Cape Colony, it is to be that intercourse with either Cassange Loanda, will promote the civilization of Interior.

"I return, because I feel that work to which I set myself is only half . The way out to the Eastern may be less difficult than I have found to the West. If I succeed, we shall at have a choice. [Insert

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& 23 from 5th sheet of No 1]I intend, ~~God helping me, to go down the Zambesi or Leambye to QuilimaneIMmay, in order to avoid the Falls of MosisatunyaMosiotunya, and the rapid & rocky river above that Part – go across from Secheke to the Maninche Loengo or river of the Bashukulompo, and then descend it to the Zambesi. If I cannot succeed I shall return to Loanda, and thence embark for England. I expected letters at Loanda and feel much disappointed at receiving none. I asked my friends to write to that place, and now suppose they believed I should never reach it. I shall feel obliged if you send a letter to Quilimane. I know not whether I shall reach it , but I mean to try."~~