

## Letter to [Elizabeth?] Pyne, 5 October 1843

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wrote M<sup>r</sup> ( P.) some time ago and send him no more than kind regards until see his handwriting. My love to his children these great ones for it was quite a treat to meet them in this b[...] ut they felt it to be the same. For they sitting with us on stones handing round the sugarless coffee threw off all reserve. They had their

Kuruman<sup>5</sup> ( Oct<sup>r</sup>) 1843

My Dear friend

On returning about three days from the

Interior I saw with joy your welcome handwriting But O heavy tidings it brought. Three of my friends gone all of them much younger than I. How solemnly voice speaks O that my heart were not so familiar[-]with death. As it is however I feel these events providence more than I have done others for a long past. May I have grace to improve by them. Teach me remember my own days. That I may apply my heart unto . Miss Marshall is gone before and we are really following in the path which leads to the mansion ~~has~~ has found prepared her with regions of the . She is arrived at home. How she wonders she looked at this earth as her home. May we die the of the righteous and may our last end be like hers. It as if the portion of our existence is the important we shall ever spend. On it hangs an . It is then of more importance how we live and here than it can be at any future period of our being wish this truth for truth it seems to me were ever my eyes. You must have felt a strange want your house after she left you, a gap which will be filled up till you are all transplanted into the paradise. Think of the dear children, will they be taken up there? O with what earnestness should not pray for their conversion for they possessing same natures as others need to be converted and if must – but I cant endure the idea I was about express. How does Mary feel now? And but I forget name is it Moreland and - My head is filled with of Bechuanas I am sorry I have forgot their

[0002] images are however still on my heart. May Lord lift up on them the light of his countenance bless them & turn them to himself. Poor Radford brother and Salome whose turn will it be next? sends I now learn a box of medicines to me and ere arrive the hands that prepared them and the heart beat warmly in sealing up that box lie cold the Tomb But he is where sorrow is forever What can be compared to obtaining an inheritance . The way is open blessed be God. Let us strive enter in. M<sup>r</sup> ( Tho<sup>s</sup>) Cecil must under the circumst- in which it occured felt the loss of their Salome . Young & full of life But it is in vain to write can understand it all. How comforting she is happiness greater than she ever felt . Poor little Emily I shall never forget her I had forgot her name until your letters me of what I herd often in vain tried recall. The Lord bless you all. I hope your little boy better. You mentioned Miss ( M.)'s illness indeed but time had elapsed ere I recieved your former induced me to believe she must have long its arrival quite recovered. It is the Lord[']s and he does all things well.

I have just returned from the country of the after haveing in conjunction with M<sup>r</sup>Ed[-] of this station erected a hut for shelter the warm season now just setting in servants with them but we being better acquainted with the country on better than they. I am not yet quite sure whether Mahotsa be my station. I like M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Edwards very much

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are to be formed into a committee and that committee is to decide where is to be situated some other may go there and should that be the case of the younger missionaries, perhaps M<sup>r</sup> Nighs will be my companion

We may be said fairly to have commenced missionary in the Interior. The Bakhatta professed to be glad at our arrival to live amongst them. We a piece of ground perhaps as large as M<sup>r</sup> (T)s a gun beads and some ammunition. You think this cheap but it is far beyond to value attach to it. Indeed land may be said in this to be of no value. Every one sows as he and no one asks another as to where he can his garden. Had we given nothing & begun to in the best portion fo the country we should [^][have]been esteemed intruders. This is the land of liberty another sense than the Yankees apply the words their country. We however thought it best make a regular bargain stipulating that one [^][should] have authority over us or the land . I wrote an agreement before them it in Sie[^][tch]uana and then had the chief & his men to sign it by affixing their . I believe it is the first thing of the sort has been done in the Bechuana country

M<sup>r</sup> Moffat bought Kuruman for beads but I know he had any deed. I take a copy this and [^][will] send you [in the box] the original that you may I am no lawyer when sitting under a tree by a crowd of chattering Bechuanas remember Mary was drawing the last time I was your house. If she could see our fine valley would inspire her so. She would instantly take drawing of it & perhaps myself aping the lawyer in the

[0004] of it. We are surrounded with mountains - to the summits. Many ever greens & others gr[...] trees. There is a stream on each side of the spot many little waterfalls in the course of one of them one part of the valley the trees are exactly as in 's park at home. Some of them are feet in diameter. A party of Indian gentlemen had come for the purpose of hunting & health restored made this same remark beholding it. One would have taken a drawing it for us had time permitted. They were very and kindly supplied us with meat during time we were hunting. One is a Scotchman though not in a lucrative pas situation compared others in India has £800 per annum. He is cousin to Lord Breadalbane. Another is

Captain Steele of the Cold Stream Guards A. D. to the Guns Madras. He and I became so friendly he promises do many things for me but I fear he will . He has often hunted at Dugar & will return England after he has served 4 years longer in

India. He obliged me much in several respects in taking a little money to Cape Town he says being well acquainted with the he will open a channel whereby shall be able to transit a little occasionally my brother in Oberlin. He promises to write soon and gives me his address. But alas is not pious. I could tell you much more

have however been permitted [to] be instrumental in commencing the first in the Interior and though I love it much I must hold myself in readiness do what is best for the cause May the Lord direct us Affectionately Yours

D.L.