

Letter to William Thompson, 9 June 1852

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Rev^d W. Thompson

My Dear Sir

I reached this yesterday evening without falling into mischief once although I had no one to take care of me! Have remained with Mr Barker through the day, and gave an address in the evening which shews how very firmly I can hold to my resolutions of not speaking again till I got back to my own country - but I am done with it now till I come to Griqua Town and I can easily refuse M^r Hughs. Dont despise my weakness. "ye that are strong &c &c" I found M^r Barker must sell his house and that the hire of horses up the waggon would amount to £3. I resolved to buy it and now I can proceed without an attendant. I go tomorrow morning (thursday) and will reach it on Saturday. You will recieve a bill of £12 from M^r Barker in the ordinary way (as salary)

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It is just possible that George may not be gone when this comes to hand, if so will you tell him to bring a breed of large Malay Fowls with him for Sebituané. I forgot them till my own waggon went and then again when George was getting ready, but if [he] has gone do not trouble yourself as we can pick up a pair or two of some kind among the boers.

I am sure that you must be glad to get rid of me and my bothering intrusions which were always about my own affairs Accept my hearty and most sincere thanks for your multifarious kind offices and good wishes. May God reward you I hope a sense of gratitude for your disinterested friendship will never be effaced from my heart. Many thanks to Miss Thompson for her kind attentions to a poor forlorn widower

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from the Sesheke, and love to all the children.

Believe me yours very affectionately

David Livingston

I have delivered the soiled linen to M^r Read on the basket and just remember that I have forgot to ask George for the armlets &c which you requested me to do. I recollected nothing more of the matter till this moment and it is too late now. I must just bring you down some myself. He would ask outrageously for them so you had better not apply to either him or his son in law. George asked £2..10 from M^r Rutherfoord junior for three or four assegais & something else the whole being worth about 2/6 - it rains heavily here this morning (thursday) but I hope it will clear up at noon. If so I shall proceed. M^r Read goes a little way with me. He says tell M^r Thompson to take care & not get into the clutches of Sir John Wylde. D.L.

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