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My Dear Father

Hendrick the son of Paul called this to inform us of his intention to proceed towards Kuruman on monday next. This is the first opportunity have had since our return to Kolobeng. We met Moyle the great Choai but did not remain anytime with him statements as to the manner of poor Robinson's death not uniform but it would appear to have been attack of cramp rather than the odious hug of alligator. He was the only spectator and they were on good terms so Moyle would not be sorry to the whole immense stock of arms & ammunition his own disposal. the discrepancy to which I refer having told Wilson, Robinson only gave a moan gradually sunk. To me he said 'He uttered a horrid or roar. How futile Gov^t regulations are. they more powder &c. than they could take in & had to a large quantity at a Kalihari village beyond the and still more in coming out for their trip - besides selling 100lbs powder muskets &c to

Wilson here.

Sentuhe pretended he was totally opposed to the Griquas the Boers to plunder the English trader who robbed near his place but when we came here learned that Sechele had offered to repel them of the country. To this Sentuhe would not because "I would have no one to fight for in case of the Bakwains attacking me, after the

[0002] were expelled." they usually go on the principle there is no truth in the country and perhaps they are not wrong. Flomelau seemed to be doing pretty well the midst of difficulties. I said I believe M^r Moffat not time to write you. He replied - O he never does I write to him - and would be very glad of an occasionally.

Here we seem to have had plenty of rain but crops look more miserable than ever we saw them soil does not retain the moisture. Most of the look extremely wretched, and the dreary prospect them is enough to make them run away

Sechele thinks that the part [8 or 10 miles] higher up the Kolobeng Limaoe is a better location but most of the consider that he is quite mistaken. He offers build our house and Mebaloes without expense we go thither. But I have no heart to remove , there being no encouragement as to and water. A movement must take place where by both us & them but I cannot see to be my duty to follow them in these circumstances shall try the North - being shut up to it. and spared may give them another trial at some time. If unsuccessful elsewhere the wise who bestow any thought upon us will say

"Ah, just as we thought". "We knew it would be so" successful they will forget that they ever thought us. I have both hopes and fears. I question any modern missionary has be situated so

[0003] as I am. And the model missionary has yet to born. So I have just to try and do what seems most for Divine glory and trust he will purify and accept my .

I suppose Robert is by this time with you. We have heard a syllable about you since we left. And we no news of any sort up here. S. Edwards brought a young man with him who can work well at the . He comes professedly for birds. name Leland is better but not yet quite well. Could not go for want of oxen. A letter came here for . M^r Wilson inclosed it in another and sent it to Hans Sedras son I saw him at Motito he did not deliver it. Perhaps he has forgot

until saw you. there was a newspaper with it
Sam. brought one of the boxes for us from Philipolis was another but his waggon was laden up
the tent. I have had a dream that you gave me hand saw. Is it one of those that come true? to
recieve a copy of Deuteronomy before we go. children are all pretty well. Mary is better than
at Kuruman. Kind regards to you all forgetting Robert. He is surely with you now

Affectionately yours

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