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Screw Steamer Pearl

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My Dear Friend

We are now in sight of near Delgoa Bay and have the [^][of being] off the Luabo by the 14th so begin to write a little now in order to be behind hand with my letters we dismiss the Pearl to pursue way to Ceylon. We have been remarkably in the weather ever since we Liverpool and made rather a passage to Sierra Leone. thence the Cape was rather more tedious but was only 21 days. During the whole this part of our voyage M^L had sickness and it greatly reduced and compelled us to alter our plans non appearance of Ma Robert will be great disappointment to the Makololo enemies the Matebele of Mosilikatze commenced to make canoes at part of the of the river below the falls Victoria and as the Leeambye or Zambesi all along both above and below

[0002] , is the Makololo line of defence they to put a stop to canoe making the southern bank but were repulsed the Matebele with loss. There was mourning at Linyanti in con-and I fear I shall have to the loss of some of my friends . This bit of information I got M^E and M^{rs} Moffat of Kuruman to our most agreeable surprise we had come down about 700 miles to see us, but chiefly to recieve and those young missionaries who so liberally subscribed for and who to have been ere this at their fields labour. M^F Moffat went to Mosilikatze prepare the way for them and everything in readiness. but this is only what declared eighteen months ago in relation both Matebele and Makololo.

On his visit M^E Moffat learned my late companions had not yet to the Makololo country. Hence may infer that they are still waiting return at Tete. We may also conclude the Portuguese officials there have fulfilled the generous wishes of young and noble minded king he ordered them to be supported at the expense of the Province of Mosambique

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We hear also that the Makololo at Linyanti concluded that I was dead. Their Diviners made me out to be defunct long before return from Loanda, but though all in the hearty laugh against them we reappeared, they recieve credit . When one realizes the dreariness isolation in which they dwell with to the rest of the world, he appreciate in some degree the value literature and thank Providence that lot has been cast in England. Just the "Times" with the latest news parts thousands of miles distant the daily breakfast table, in contrast diviners dice and vagaries which could would or should happen or - the Makololo at Tete a few miles from home in all pro-have heard absolutely nothing their friends at Linyanti. It is wonder that with our means of & locomotion who are accustomed to look before nor behind them nor round about them, should sometimes if the African intellect is capable development. There is a mighty between us at present,

[0004] , But though we may not very realize the length of the process has ended in the elevation of . We see pretty large masses of still unchiseled rock among us. It not so very long since we burned and even now some folks "wise ones" for their divination just do the Makololo and some of the among us believed in second and do put faith in table and clairvoyance. We dont ask if their intellects are capable further development.

You know we visited Sierra . This has not turned out all that founders anticipated. but with all failings I believe it will in the of posterity [^][be considered] a noble monument the English philanthropic spirit have been greatly at in several of their schemes. this case the site of the settlement and [^][is] to all appearance unexceptionable Krootown was worse than swamp and the settlement became grave of Europeans from its . It was clearly a duty to to the proper drainage of
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