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My Dear Friend

We are waiting for the arrival our new steamer which ought to have been [here] in November. We are surrounded with mangrove which are believed to be the very hot -of fever yet thank God that disease far as we have seen it is not worse a common cold. We can cure it quickly without loss of strength to the patient.

I tried it[the remedy] first on my own children at Lake in 1850 and have never failed in single case since. but disliking anything "Quackery" I said little about it more is mentioned in the "Missionary Travels" when we lately arrived at Victoria we heard for the first time that a party London Missionaries had arrived at four out of six Europeans perished Linyanti: this caused us unfeigned . We did not know of their move-except that at the Cape the News-spoke of them as in "connection with Zambesi Expedition," and they had gone . With all the vexatious delays we experienced we might by straining a have been there before them, and rendered medical aid which they seem so much to needed. It must have been inadvertence led to neither Dr Tidman nor my dear Helmore saying a word to me about mission in which I feel so deep an interest

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I have ventured to advise John Moffat in the of not being allowed to teach the people of Mosilikatze freely to go to the Makololo by a straight to Victoria Falls. The Makololo are of fever themselves and would willingly the swamps of Linyanti for the Highland in passing we actually saw hoar frost a little ice, provided one of Mr Moffat's were with them. They look kindly to

Helmore but wished to get acquainted & hence delay which proved so fatal. I have also him of your proposal to make the at home aware of his efforts and a share of their sympathies by the which "Evangelical Christendom" . Some one sent us copies for March [May &] June - They are the first I have seen & appears to be the largest hearted & ablest Periodical going. I did not like the alliance when its only object to be for Christians to meet & clap each backs. but it has now great objects works to do, and I wish it cordially success

We are very much pleased & thankful hear of the wonderful Revivals which are place in so many parts of our native . the Lord pour out his spirit on classes and make his name glorious is with great delight that I hail the new by the English Universities seems to come up to my idea of what mission ought to be, and do in Africa

[0003] pray our Heavenly Father that he may draw the Church of England and make that and rich body feel that it stands com to the final extermination of the slave by the introduction of commerce & gospel of christ into the centre of the slave . It is He who has drawn so many the movement and as it is his own we have thus a pledge that he will it on. I have been applied to for by the Committees, and have a steamer, and but a small at the outset. I have not failed to them against an irritability produced the climate possibly by malaria as it often not always precedes an attack of fever put down the feeling of being slighted or as one of the symptoms of coming . The remedy for fever comes very for this mission. I am excessively that the London Missionaries did (probably) know it. Now for the Society Friends. As soon

as the Mission is set agoing I mean to make an appeal them for cooperation in helping on the lawful . What say you to that? I sympathize you all in the loss of your dear mother and . They are home. O that we could feel the haven which they have reached really is our home. I always feel as if I had work to do here and the heart is not set things above as it ought. the Lord bless events to us all. Remember me most and lovingly to your Father, & to your family

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As we have a daughter more than was expected the Settlement for the children was made a clause be added giving her the share mother was to have. I believe a pension be given in case of my death. M^{rs} L. say if she is agreeable to this arrange -.

I am not aware who my injudicious were who published my letters of which were marked Private. Hence I shall write to but few. I did not feel on being shamefully treated by Macgregor Laird & Bedingfeld. Nor I suppose did Sir Franklin when he discovered his preserved . I have good reason to believe that M^r behaved badly also to the great Niger Expedition.

M^r Vogel the botanists cabin was as wet as ours, the ships were left ashore near Bathurst the cost was enormous. A seaman in our saw that one of them was broken right the middle! And a gentleman high in the said to me "He (Macgregor Laird)" treated very shabbily" He wont do so to any one else he would not have treated us so had officers of the Niger Expedition spoken out boldly. was unfortunate in having anything to do with naval officers Bedingfeld & Gordon. Both quarrelled Captain Duncan of the Pearl and I had orders see that " Duncan was not interfered with in his by any naval officer ". On the third public before his crew I interfered by saying [to B] "we have no more of these public altercations" private had failed, and I got Bedingfelds next day and Gordon's spite fifteen afterwards but I break not my heart for that & more if it comes Affec^y David Livingstone

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