

Letter to Mrs. [?] Robinson, 18 October 1856

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My dear M^{rs} Robinson

Herewith I send
you 4 roots for
Miss Blanche's
garden. they are
a kind of snow
drop from the top
of the Eastern ridge
about 400 miles
from the East coast
and are called
Tlakuea petse =
[0002]
Hoof of Zebra from
their shape

some have a blush
of red some pure
white great numbers
coming out every
day. they are
very pretty though
very fragile &
each flower short
lived

I think they had
better get but little
water at rain
chiefly as they
[0003]
are not accustomed
to the luxury of being
tended by young
ladies. they seem
to have sap in them
I have divided all

I have between M^r Fernyhough and you
so if they are new
& succeed a plant
may be given at
some future time
to the Botanic Garden
No manure should
be applied to the ground
[0004]

If Miss Blanche is very
thankful send her
up to the signal post
to scold that man
for me who cheated
us yesterday and
made our parting
visit to you so short
I wont object though
she gives him a
clout on the head
I forgot to ask your
packet till fairly
away yesterday

Yours with much
regard

David Livingston
[0005]

M^{rs} Robinson

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