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My Dear M^r Alington

From what you say in your second note about the box I have no doubt but it belonged to poor Thornton and you had better send it on to his brother George Thornton 39 Great Horton Road Bradford-[0002]At first flush I thought one of our long lost four has turned up but from its coming by Orestes it must have been slipped by mistake out of M^r Youngs charge.

After recieving your note I got a letter from M^r_ John Moffat in Mosilikatze's country The old man has lost much of his influence but does [0003]not use it against the mission as he once did. They are free to speak and preach as much as they like. He has still a great number

of cattle & people.

I wish to get an opening into the country North of the Portuguese, possibly by the Rovuma. and if you will go in & occupy after that you may do a good work. the work I do will be afoot chiefly - but [0004]nearly all new - I get a good many offers of service and from some odd people -Shall I hand over a lady's application to you. The book will be out I hope in a month or six weeks

I have not heard a word of M^r Ferraõs son. Senhor Tito is dead. Zulus went across the Zambesi at Shigogu some 30 years ago & up to Nyassa's Northern end. Can you speak Zulu The Arabs call The Manganja Wa Nyassa & the Agawas or Waizau call them [0005]so too. It is probably the derivation - the elephant marsh was called Nyanjamukuru and that near Moranubala Nyanja ia motope (or mud) or Nyanja Spangous The Portuguese ministry now claim the discovery of Nyassa properly Nyanya on the ground that the

people of Senna sailed into the Great Hetta lakes (These names imply - the cataracts were not within [0006] way it seems of old

I dont know about the three breasted woman - but a female general of Zulus of old did wonders up at & beyond the Zambesi

There are lots of the spider you mention in the Bechuana country. When the door is open you know he is out he is a formidable looking fellow [0007]

the horns may be those of the Pallah but you dont shew the twist of the Pallah - In front it is a little harpshaped

There is Angus' buck in that quarter too

Cold enough here I assure you & snowing as if it would never tire

I am yours &c

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