

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

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My dear M<sup>rs</sup> 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<sup>r</sup>

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<sup>rs</sup> Robinson

Bagatelle

with D<sup>r</sup> L. compts