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My Dear Friends

We are at present in preparation for the of my wife and family to . The particular ship is yet decided upon - but three daily expected from India as soon as either of these into the Bay, we shall the necessary arrangements have been here a fortnight busy all the time with the . The expense has been by our friend Oswel he has fitted them all out a way rather too splendid a poor missionary's family

[0002] all has been given with so good will it was impossible refuse. He goes by the present the "Harbinger" which will tomorrow at twelve A.M. will if well receive them on arrival in England and shall write by next steamer the name of the vessel which they sail. I have told our plans already, but find it difficult to arrange to where they will stay in because we dont how much the Directors' allow for their maintenance think England must be for their first year, &

Essex is the county with which am best acquainted, but am puzzled to know how

[0003] per annum is requisite plain living and schooling it be troubling you too much send a statement of how much be necessary for three months , or until M^{rs} L. became with the modes living, schooling &c. I am aware whether M^{rs} Pyne recieves children as . Perhaps if you left note on the subject at mission House M^{rs} L. would enabled to act on the inform- ation. The children have endured much heat of late, they will the constant attentions their mother. If your circum- stances had been the same as formerly were, I should have no hesitation in telling wife to go to your house

[0004] she had recieved the knowledge for further arrangements. & advice are all I can expect and these M^{rs} L. will be obliged.

We feel very unwilling that Agnes be left at Walthamstow . We should like her to be M^{rs} Pyne if she still keeps school. They will require all them to choose new fathers & mothers in England. I fear will forget us. At all events can do no more for them pray for them. The Directors pay for their education want of knowledge of how they will be willing give makes me close this uncertainty.

Affectionately yours

David Livingstone