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My Dear Nannie

As H M S. Wasp goes Mauritius on 10th though gave you a pretty long letter the Vigilant which went yesterday, I may add a little this conveyance. and then may feel bound at future time to write me when there may be no of [my] answering. I happy to hear that D^r is coming out here as to the Resident Agent which is sure to end in his to that office itself will be of great use to good cause out here
& then I can write to one in I have entire confidence

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It is not a good climate by means. Rae's brother out here to supply George's . He has been ill ten days died last night. Miss had to go off to the Seychelles in ill health and D^r & M^{rs} Seward have just back from those islands he went nearly dead months ago. The town by the shore on a tongue of behind which the sea . The shore is indescribably & provocative of holding nose. The island to look is extremely beautiful. of coconut palms, topes & groves clove trees flourish perpetual greenness, but it is sickly place. Slaves swarm they seem to have collected the ugliest of their race Africa. One never a face on which the eye

[0003] with pleasure & this the "fair sex"! I know their marks. Nearly all from Lake Nyassa beyond it. One woman to me that she had of my passing in a but she did not see . Another came from of miles beyond Lake. The slave owners about in the slave mar here with a woman or child held by the hand out "seven dollars"
"seven dollars." The highest 20 dollars. They sit in looking dejected & . An Arab or a comes forward & up a girl - opens her & examines her - then her limbs &

[0004] how any scar was . A wound from the lash the value because shews that she has been or disobedient - He ends by throwing stick 20 yards or so & her walk for it to as a horse dealer would "her paces." One of my was with me & he very much excited seeing "wives for sale." dressed up with flowers, eyebrows painted. He in English "Wife all sister. All same as . Arab man sell wife bad oh very bad. & began to protest to them energetically I had to take away. One said to him

[0005] are the same as we said he "I am an "

The Sultan gave me house and he furnishes and everything we . He insisted on sending Lieutenant Brebnor and crew of the Thule back Bombay in one of his of war The Nadir Shah it is getting ready all men are entertained the Sultan's expense. is rather handsome if he would only up slaving he be a "brick" of a . but his chief is derived from

[0006] source. We had our presentation D^r Seward came - toothache was nearly and he insisted meeting us & again down to shake in the street. I him what Sir Bartle said to the South princes on the of education if they did not some exertion get knowledge power slip through their & they would be behind in the race meant him of course make the application

[0007] himself - I mentioned power of steam & the of the Thule that our Gov him to be a in that power did not wish to mo-it. Everything could send to Bombay sale would find a market there. We grain of all sorts rice - dura - in fact but slaves" laughed at my last . Told me he would me as much as he now & at all future - and I was never to any shame in telling what to do for me.

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Among Orientals this does mean much but must be Thankful for the smallest con-. His house has only flower garden in island. It abounds in which are free to . The couches are mag-and to keep the up to the mark Havildar has made mount guard at the . A Portuguese has the for supplying us provisions because speaks English & is to know English . He did not know there is no love lost between nation & me. I did not the last letters. They went unintentionally unpaid

Good night. Love to Madame Hocede,