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Rev^d D^r Tidman

Dear Sir

It affords me
much pleasure to be able to
repair in some measure
the loss caused by the wreck
of the "Forerunner" by means
of the enclosed maps of the
Province of Angola, and
that portion of the country
of Lunda through which
we passed. You will
thereby be able to appreciate
some of the obstacles presented
by wood and water to the
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formation of a path such
as we have been accustomed
to use. Only the larger streams
or such as we found large
are inserted in the Lunda portion But adjacent to
all these and in many
other parts there are large
dense forests. And if we
take the barriers presented
by bogs rivers & thickets
into consideration, it
looks as if it would be
a waste of life to attempt
single handed ~~handed~~ to
worm a way for a ponderous
Cape waggon. The actual
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distance [is not great] between the Northern
parts of Sekeletu's country
and this the commercial
capital of the Interior where
European supplies may

be obtained, and mails pass
to the coast twice or three
times every month. And
if some of our strong
young missionaries would
view the limited spheres
in which they spend their
lives in comparison
with that presented in
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to good account. At present
I think it best before working
farther in this direction to
secure a choice by examination
of the way down to the other
coast. I leave this on the
13th currt.

If looking at the map
you may wonder why
Little Fish Bay or Benquella
was not attempted being so
much nearer than Angola
the reason was the presence
of the tsetse on our
Western borders.

Letters for Dr^r Tidman and M^{rs}L. were sent on 23 Ult.
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