

Letter to William Thompson

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Rev^d W. Thompson

My Dear Sir

I reached this yesterday evening without falling into mischief once although I had no one to take care of me! Have remained with Mr Barker through the day, and gave an address in the evening which shews how very firmly I can hold to my resolutions of not speaking again till I got back to my own country - but I am done with it now till I come to Griqua Town and I can easily refuse M^r Hughs. Don 't despise my weakness. "ye that are strong &c &c" I found M^r Barker must sell his house and that the hire of horses up the waggon would amount to £3. I resolved to buy it and now I can proceed without an attendant. I go tomorrow morning (thursday) and will reach it on Saturday. You will a bill of £12 from M^r Barker in the ordinary way (as salary) .

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It is just possible that George may not be gone when this comes to hand, if so will you tell him to bring a breed of large Malay Fowls with him for Sebituané. I forgot them till my own waggon went and then again when George was getting ready, but if [he] has gone do not trouble yourself as we can pick up a pair or two of some kind among the boers.

I am sure that you must be glad to get rid of me and my bothering intrusions which were always about my own affairs . Accept my hearty and most sincere thanks for your multifarious kind offices and good wishes. May God reward you I hope a sense of gratitude for your disinterested friendship will never be effaced from

my heart. Many thanks to Miss Thompson
for her kind attentions to a poor forlorn widower

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from the Sesheke, and love to all the children.

Believe me yours very affectionately

David Livingston

I have delivered the soiled linen to M^r Read on the basket
and just remember that I have forgot to ask
George for the armlets &c which you requested
me to do. I recollected nothing more of
the matter till this moment and it is too late
now. I must just bring you down
some myself. He would ask outrageously
for them so you had better not apply
to either him or his son in law. George
asked £2..10 from M^r Rutherfoord junior
for three or four assegais & something else
the whole being worth about 2/6 - it rains heavily
here this morning (thursday) but I hope it will
clear up at noon. If so I shall proceed. M^r
Read goes a little way with me. He says tell
M^r Thompson to take care & not get into the
clutches of Sir John Wylde. D.L.

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