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Tette or Nyungwé, the River Zambesi,
Africa, 2nd March 1856.

Rev^dD^r Tidman, dear Sir, by the of God reached the farthest station of the Portuguese this , I gladly avail myself of an to Quillimane to advise you (and M^{rs} L. by the enclosed note) that I thus far on my way down the river. will be gratifying for you to hear I have been able to follow up, swerving, my original plan of a way to the sea on either the or West Coast, from a healthy in the interior of the Continent. until two months ago was I aware the existence of any salubrious point I now recollect a reference made by Sebituane. x x x And I can announce not only a path for our use, but, if egregiously mistaken, a decidedly locality. By this fine river through a fine fertile Country have water Conveyance to within

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1° or 2° of the Makololo. The only I know of being one or rapids, and the people in some being robbers. I have come far with but little loss. x x x

The Portuguese have been amazingly . Here they are no less so than Angola, and much of it is owing believe to my public spirited friend M^r Duprat, and to the Bishop of .

The kind interest which many my Countrymen have shewn in my makes me feel deeply grateful, somewhat ashamed withal at done so little to deserve it. x x I am not so elated in performed what has not to knowledge been done before in the Continent, because the of the geographical feat is but beginning of the Missionary Enterprise. God grant me life to do some good to this poor Africa.

I have a report written you, but it requires copying. I a few days here because I have on foot through a very rough, Country:- oxen all dead by

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Affectionately your's,
(s^d) David Livingston