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My Dear Sir

Your note of enquiry having gone to my late address I recieved it this morning.

Last night I was at D^r Hamilton's & met the young man M^r Brodie to whom on a former occasion I referred and he told me that M^r Silva is now living at [0002]Morley's Hotel, Charing Cross. He says that Silva is a Protestant of Portuguese extraction & came thus far to send his wife to Boston U. S. He will meet her next year here. I dont know that he is anything of a Protestant more than in name. The Portuguese generally are very much devoid of religious convictions but I think you would get all the information you [0003]require from him.

M^r Brodie is an elder in D^r Hamilton's church though still a young man and would I feel sure introduce you to Mr Silva. I therefore enclose his card rather than attempt to give you second rate information

As M^r Brodie is a Christian I would suggest an interview with him first and [0004] you might depend on his sympathy in your objects. He might give you a clearer insight into Silva's character than I can.

Silva will know the expenses better than anyone else

Wishing you all success I am &c

David Livingstone

Silva leaves for Loanda by the end of this week