

## Letter to Robert Moffat 1, 5 October 1846

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My Dear Father

The arrival of ( Capt<sup>n</sup> ) Nardon & M<sup>r</sup> Oswel immediately after the departure of Mamary, has prevented my writing by this opportunity. - They are now preparing to start. - Baba & his party also are making ready for departure

M<sup>rs</sup>Mamary have mentioned our desires respecting a waggon of M<sup>r</sup> Oswel. We find he is perfectly willing to oblige us in reference to the payment. Mentions ten years as soon enough for the liquid[...] [a]tion of debt and now desires me to write you a line & ask you to inspect the waggon for me. I have no skill in waggons whatever and he is [^][in] the same condition with respect to that kind of knowledge. We wish the matter referred to your judgement the length of time however given is a consideration which will outweigh any defect in the vehicle

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M<sup>r</sup> ( O.) asked if it would be necessary to shorten the bands previous to sending is up. Will you give your opinion as to this step.? I do not know what ought to be done. As to painting I think it would be better to get the paint & oil & we can do the needful here. - M<sup>r</sup> ( O.) purposed leaving it at about a day & half from Colesbery. I have thought men might be sent down from Kuruman and if you send a span of oxen while the expenses of [the] men will be put to my account. all

the goods you may send for or boxes  
waiting for you at Colesbery will or  
may be drawn along by your  
oxen. If you can make any  
arrangement of this sort, it will  
oblige us much. If not convenient  
at present- M<sup>r</sup> ( O.) will leave the waggon  
at the place appointed till some other  
time. The place appointed is  
M<sup>r</sup> Nelson Orlogpoort['s river  
35 south of ~~Kuruman~~ Colesbery

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we have not been able to pay Baba because  
we have not money sufficient-  
There are Forty two dollars for the  
carriage of goods, and some other  
work additional about which as  
we have to count yet I set down  
as other ten - if you will kindly  
advance these two sums- it will  
still farther oblige us. Edwards & I  
seem in the same predicament  
for money. Wish somebody would  
leave me a hundred or two  
But nobody thinks enough of me  
for that- None of my forefather were  
worth their breeches else I might have  
had something. They wore kilts. poor  
fellows. - The gentlemen are on the  
point of mispanning and as they  
are waiting here my thoughts have  
been confused- I shall send  
Macaca by M<sup>r</sup> Cumming for enclosure  
in M<sup>r</sup> Whish's box- This address  
to be written on the lid (perhaps tiomed)  
Charles Whish ( Esq<sup>re</sup>) 144 New  
City Road - Glasgow- if sent  
Cape ways - care of Jamieson & ( Co)[ Cape Tow[...] [n]]

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you might scold me as you like  
We could both speak plainly enough  
if together & let the righteous smite  
me &c. I should not grumble at  
any amount of faithful sunting

Affectionately yours

We hope to have time to write before  
M<sup>r</sup> ( C) arrives - excuse all the blunders  
in this - All are well. Robert IV  
improving- Hope Mamary got  
out safely- Should like much  
to have a visit from yourself

Rev<sup>d</sup> ( R.) Moffat  
Kuruman  
( Fow<sup>d</sup>) by ( W.) Oswel ( Esq<sup>re</sup>)