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My Dear Captain Need

Your very welcome reached me on the morning which I departed from Golungo Alto I assure you made me feel grateful for your kindness. dont expect to shoot anyone it, but believing in M^r Roebuck's of moral force as "physical in perspective" I think its will be decidedly beneficial my journey down to the possesions we found natives extremely impudent

[0002] surrounding us and demanding a , ox or gun for leave to pass through country and sometimes they pointed guns at me or aimed a blow my head with a sort of broad which they have. It was difficult appease them for we had nothing to give them. In such cases your would have been of much for they have a salutary dread percussion arms. they have too insuperable objection to cannon the Portuguese keep them in wonderfully well by this fear as one of their arms

Pungo Andongo contains a battery four guns three of which are on cross sticks. and they as effectually for keeping the

[0003] in awe as if mounted on the best carriages

I wait here a few days or untill mail which leaves Loanda on the 16th . arrives. I am exceedingly anxious hear the news of the war in the East. African sun does not burn out amor patrial. About 30 miles of this we cross the river Quango Congo. the smaller branch of the adjacent to which you lay long on the look out. We cross the Casai or Kasye in Lat 17° 22' and is said to be the principal of the Zaire. It however away to the East after we it. And if you should ever up to explore it you will find it

[0004] an immense extent of territory is said to go round to Matiamvo lives about 6° of Long. East of and who is reported to be greatest sovereign of this of Africa. Civilization must more rapid progress than has done or we shall be all in our graves long it reaches him.

Again thanking you for kind disinterest present and with the prayer that God may bless preserve you.

I am Dear Sir

yours very sincerely

David Livingston