

Letter to Benjamin T. Pyne, 30 April 1851

Livingstone, David, 1813-1873

Published by Livingstone Online (livingstoneonline.org)

[0001]

Boatlanama 30th April
1851

My very Dear Friends

recieved a letter from M^r Pyne on the 19th April as we were putting our stuff into the waggons I could answer it. We are now on the route to the Lake & engaged in drawing water out of the deep wells of

Boatlanama. the oxen making a dreadful lowing they have been two days without water, so need not expect fine writing. I expect some of them tumble themselves into the wells before morning force us to eat them. this will be taken back a Mokalahari and I hope you will hear by it I recieved your favour written it seems in a hurry this is. We are going North again. the country is up. The Kolobeng is losing its pools even and people must annobe whether they will or not are many reasons why we should go to the beyond but yet it is a venture. We venture all and who would not for such a Saviour

"Lo I am with you." Be it so our Lord. thy presence enough. feel much when we look at children going into a fever country we all belong to the Great Redeemer and let him do what is good in his own sight we all be resigned in all circumstances to his . And active in our duty to him & the souls of the sinful brethren

[0002]

There is nothing interesting in this part of the world. All is dead stagnant the fields burned up. the grass crumbles in hand like powder. People lost their crops again. and looking as if coming out of Typhus fever. the caffre raging. The Hottentots rebelled All looks like con-worse confounded. the Damanas on the west Boers & caffres on the East and Mosilikatse shews symptoms or arousing himself in the North East Jehovah reigns. We may trust Him for he is to set all right and He will in his own way

the reason why I write now is a selfish one wish to trouble you again. M^{rs} Pyne's taste in choosing is so highly gauged in the interior of Africa beg to put her to it again. We send a notice to

D^r Tidman that he is to pay M^r Pyne £10 on demand this is to be laid out in clothing for my better half

& children. Some dresses for M^{rs} L stuff for making boys trousers for dresses &c &c sowing cotton piece of good flannel (Not Welsh) piece of unbleached calico - (coarse) piece of cap wire & ribbon woven small shawls - A piece of diaper the amount by the money sent. And send in usual way at your convenience. Dont put to any trouble. We shall [not] be out so soon

[0003] we were last year. that is if as successful as we hope shall probably go beyond Sebitoane seeking an elevated . We shall of course write you on our , and give you the particulars. At present we nothing to speak about but our hopes & . Of these we have an assortment on hand you must pray for us that we may be made even unto death. Was Manning Prentice ? Sorry to hear of M^r Cecil's illness but can not condole with any one for we are all far away. If we condoled with a widower might be laughing with his new wife by time we reached him. If with a widow might be married to another and almost forgetting she had ever had another husband or if with else it might come upon them like ripping old sores. Matters

go on as usual among us Our children are our cue. Thankful to say all well have a weary time
of it in the waggon love to all of yours. Mary &c from of us. Excuse me troubling you so

Ever Affectionately

Yours

David Livingston

[0004]

Prepaid

Benjamin Pine Esqu^e

Wildingtree

Ongar, Essex

England