

Letter to Robert Moffat 1, 5 October 1846

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My Dear Father

The arrival of Captⁿ Nardon
& M^r 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^{rs}Mamary have mentioned our desires
respecting a waggon of M^r Oswel. We
find he is perfectly willing to oblige
us in reference to the payment. Mentions
ten years as soon enough for the
liquid[...] 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^r 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^r 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^r O. will leave the waggon
at the place appointed till some other
time. The place appointed is
M^r Nelson Orlogpoorts 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^r Cumming for enclosure
in M^r Whish's box- This address
to be written on the lid (perhaps tiomed)
Charles Whish Esq^{re} 144 New
City Road - Glasgow- if sent
Cape ways - care of Jamieson & Co [Cape Tow[...]]

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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^r 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^d R. Moffat

Kuruman

Fow^d by W. Oswel Esq^{re}