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My Lord

I herewith return the Church Intelligencer with many . I was not previously aware its existence, having been disappointed the expectation of seeing a similar given to the public in 1850. was projected by M^r Taylor the author the "Natural history of Enthusiasm" near I lived while he was in Essex. tried to do my best for it by giving only detailed account of the discovery Lake Ngami I ever wrote but it say daylight. I hope this work continue to be carried on with spirit it seems well adapted to be extensively

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the accounts given by Rev S. Crowther deeply interesting and his experience the banks of the Niger strike me as resembling my own, among tribes the true Negro family in the centre of the . Their friendly disposition to the man (and where we are known the Englishman as the best specimen of the white man) - their love of barter, strong religious tendencies, constitute interesting features in their character I hope that God will lead His people send them that gospel by which the dwellers in the wilderness will made to bow down before Him. ascending the Leambye (Zambese) the country of the true negroes called Londa I rescued eighteen captives by the Makololo in a foray a short

[0003] before and returned them to their which I guess was not a bad for the first Englishman had ever seen. In returning, chiefs Masiko and Mboela, brothers the same father but different mothers on the point of fighting and I actually had a skirmish but sent embassies to me the one the other [for] the breach of the peace I had enjoined. One party followed down the river about 100 miles to me that Masiko had been attacked Mboela but had beaten him off with though Masiko had offered to refer dispute to me as arbitrator. the persons of the embassy mentioned my men that when Masikorecieved message with the captives they

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(the commonality) were so delighted they all down the river and gambolled about porpoises for joy at the prospect living in peace. This is very much that which M^r Crowther describes. are some notices about Londa &

Angola in the last number of the Royal Society in the possession D^r Beke which you may feel interest in reading

I have engaged a passage to Galle in "England" steamer. I hope you will be to preach to the very fine crew of the on your way to Secheylles which more than I could do on our way , and that you will be successful your mission there. May it be granted you return with M^{rs} Ryan & family renewed health to this deeply interesting of labour. Your Lordship's servant

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