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My Dear Kirk

I am over
crowding you with
letters, but a week
ago a box turned
up in charge of
Rev^d C. A. Alington
which he found
without address at
the Cape. It contains
specimens in
bottles he says - and
thinks it may be

[0002]

Thorntons but I
think it more likely
to be yours as
Young had especial
charge of all Thorntons
& reported them safe
at Portsmouth long
ago. I thought it
best to direct Alington
to send it with a
note to D^r Hooker
to Kew where it
would be identified
I explained to him
why I thought it
yours and asked
if any others were
left at the Cape - but

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have had no reply
as yet. Will you
take the trouble to
examine it.?

Would it not be
well to speak to
Lord Dalhousie
about using his

influence with Lord
Russell for the
consulate - It would
keep you before his
mind if anything
turned up - I stated
particularly to Sir R.
"with sufficient salary"

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It is necessary to hold
that up for they might
offer a vice - which
is worth nothing. If
however the vice C.
meant £500 it would
be a step to Tanana -
rivo. The Webbs
would use all their
influence if anything
could be heard of &
be glad to do it.

He is beginning to
think that the ova had
too little milt because
in this severe weather
they don't come out

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