

## Letter to Alfredo Duprat, 12 September 1855

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[G.13.b.45(47.1)] Banks of R. Chobe

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Alfred Duprat Esquire

My Dear Sir

I have an  
unexpected opportunity  
of sending notes to  
Angola and having  
recommended some  
friends in Loanda  
to procure and plant  
the seeds of the berry wax  
I have to beg your  
assistance in the  
matter. It is to be  
hoped a Portuguese ship

I go down the Zambesi next month, cannot  
possibly add more David Livingstone  
[0002]

of war in coming round  
from Mosambique will  
be directed to call for  
seed and it may be  
well to have a quantity  
ready beforehand. I  
expect Mr Feeny's account  
of the wax before the  
Cape Agr<sup>l</sup> Society will  
be published in the  
Boletim. and as  
more [x] [x more than double] is given for  
the lb of common  
wax on the banks of  
the Quango upwards  
of 300 miles from the  
coast than suffices  
for raising a lb of of  
[0003]

berry wax. Its introduction  
on the sands around  
Loanda would be a boon

to the county

As you appeared to be  
[...] friend of the  
Botanic garden, May  
I suggest your getting  
Coffee seeds from Angola  
for redistribution. The first  
of the Angola seeds were  
a few Mocha berries [x] [ *Note:*  
*the missionaries introduced ~~introduced~~*  
*many delicious South American fruits*  
*what would you give for miles of*  
*pine apple road edging at the Cape* ]  
brought by a missionary  
The missionaries are  
all dead but the  
coffee has spread over  
the whole country - new  
plantations of it are  
discovered daily and  
[0004]  
the coffee is really the best I  
ever tasted. It is of great importance to have the best  
seed when commencing it,  
cultivation as at Natal  
I brought a lot here  
but cannot send it.

via St Helena  
Alfred Duprat Esquire  
Cape Town  
Cape of Good Hope