

## Letter to Alfredo Duprat

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Alfredo Duprat Esqu.  
My dear Sir,

Having reached this the farthest inland station at present occupied by the Portuguese on the morning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> current, I was received with the usual politeness and generosity of your nation. The governor kindly proposed to send an express forward to Senna with letters and I have been constantly employed in writing ever since. The enclosed you will see is intended to show the King of Portugal my gratitude by giving him the earliest intelligence of my discoveries. I cannot be sure whether it will be acceptable or not, but on reading it you will see I avoid the appearance of intrusion by saying that no answer is expected; and indeed if it only reaches his eye, I hope for no more. Even though he may not have

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have leizure to look into it, the attention of an influential minister may be attached to some of the points mentioned, and even this will be so far good.

I hope you have received my note about the "berryman". It would prove a real boon to Angola. But the enclosed will give you some information so I need not enlarge. This is a magnificent river. I hope to ascend it with my family to within one or two degrees off Sekeletu by means of flat bottomed boats. And it is a magnificent country too; but

trade is ruined by "Caffre wars".  
The natives rob, so there are no  
goods here for trade. A man  
named Nyaode living on an  
island below this, takes what  
and as much as he likes - out of  
every boat that ascends. There  
is  
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There is a fine bed of coal close to  
this on the surface almost, and  
superior iron too. What fools! not  
to have a small flat bottomed  
steamer flying between this and  
Senna. Two swivels would keep  
off all robbers and in six months  
her price would be paid. The only  
impediments I have seen besides  
Monoatunya are insignificant  
rapids which would not delay the Makololo a day.

Wait a little, we shall see,  
if we live. I have had excellent  
health all the way down here,  
but am very thin and tired from  
marching on foot; but will soon  
r—.

I often remember my obliga-  
-tions to your kind recommendations.  
May God bless and reward you, is  
the sincere wish of

your obedt

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