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We are waiting here for our new steamer for the first time since my return to Africa I have leisure for correspondence cannot divine what detains her she is now two months beyond her - but patience patience!

I have heard from Sir Culling . Earldley and he refers to a Karross gave to Lady Earldley. She me about the loss she sustained going to the Continent. When she it was all moth eaten. She "so sorry as it came from " I mentioned it to you at the Cape but it must have escaped memory - or possibly I neglected give you their address. It is 39 Grosvenor (St.) London.

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If it were possible for me to buy one this region I would do so but none to be had for love or money. She has suffering greatly from disease of heart. This brings to my recollection we got a glimpse of some people from

Mosilikatze's at Senna. As soon as they the Makololo with me they decamped no persuasion could induce them come near us. A Senhor Isidore of Senna usually called Senhor sent a party of his slaves to trade Mosilikatze 16 months ago. they away 14 months but stopped at places for months at a time is the second visit and the guns you saw from Senna. Mosilikatze about 30 head of cattle, one a pure white ox. Of these only

2 arrived and one died while we were at

Senna. About 1000 sheep & goats. Of these 400 arrived & nearly all lame. 2 meercat karrosses.!

The word "Falla" means to speak and it is probably the only word they picked up. Isidore is commandant of Senna

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Isidore was not well pleased with the trade we heard him threatening to send his to the fort for punishment but being rather dissatisfied character we dont whether this means much. He all his ostrich feathers by the camp fire. Laws very stringent against & arms being sold to the natives nobody observes them - not one. These never went near you - they were . They lived with a headman of

Mosilikatze's> at some distance from Moshetta saw a hunter kill an elephant. Was Baldwin? A chief of the Batoka Sekote fled from Kalai is^d to

Mosilikatze and lives under him. The who have come to Senna belong his party and it so happened that we a man of Sekote who came with us get himself cured of leprosy. He knew strangers by name but like unmitigated they fled, though the few Makololo had no spears - nor would they return when

[0004] own countryman went & tried to persuade . This proves the truth of what I have the Makololo that they are just a lot of - cowards before all who are stronger they are - they dread the Matibele and I are dreaded by them. The account given of a fight below the Falls in which the were victorious does not appear to taken place at all. A foray was made the West but the leprosy affair came on and embittered their success. If cannot remove soon fever

will break up as a tribe. It is a pity that John not go there but not by Linyanti way is direct to Victoria Falls by M^r 'sspoor. The swamps of the Chobe then avoided and one is at the foot the highlands. I cannot imagine what kept

Helmores so long in the way. Did they use remedy? Was it fever? What symptoms they observe? are questions I should like put but cannot.

Our steamer is to be a real one. It is superintended construction by the Admiralty & everything we have got from them has been of first rate quality. We shall to get an entrance exterior to the Portuguese claims but is not made public

Mary is in England I believe children all well and doing . The Universities' mission prospering greatly.

David Livingstone

I shall send Senna seeds first time we go to Tette.