Letter to Robert Moffat 1, [18 July 1845]

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We hear that Inglis' visit to the Bahurutse has put a quietus upon their removal We suppose he will find out you are of more weight in effecting removal, &c than either he or Andries or both put together

We recieved the cow bought by Mameri and another I had at Motito but what do you mean by "your cow" If you refer to that which was at Obonyeñ you do very wrong (excuse my saying so) for I shall never accept it. It did not come & I hope never will. If it lies on your conscience give it to Ann as part of her dowrery

I thank you most heartily for the gun affairs barley & every things else, but I shall do so more fully by Paul who will go on Wedensday next [0002]

We have enclosed thoughts on Helen's affair. We think the young man did right in speaking to Helen first but it is a pity she was not at the time of age. I would not have come to you first for the world It may be well for her future prosperity if she is directed past this match But all we say is freely & after we know your decision has been given

My Dear Mary is very well. In fact improving on the subject, this journey is evidence. She could not have taken it three weeks ago We were much better without M^r Edwards presence. The chief once asked me when M^rE would come

with his gun & cow I told him I believed [0003]

he would get to the Colony first, perhaps this statement may be included in the charges. He told the chief on his arrival that he had come to ask the loan of his brother. (A fine young man) to take him to the colony go mo kopela khumo

This is not a letter, it is a turmerisho only. You must never take any expression in my letters as implying disrespect or disanything bad unless I tell you it is such in addition to the expression. Take this to prevent any misapprehension ka bosina bokhutlo yotle Amen

Our united love to Mameri & all others [0004]

There is a letter of M^r Murray & be forwarded $Rev^{\underline{d}}R$ Moffat Kuruman

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