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River Zambesi

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My Lord Bishop

In a speech delivered Manchester about a year ago, found, for the first time a days since, the very cheering that Miss Coutts had £2500 towards an for the sons of chiefs. As you have no been generously supported the noble undertaking by members of the English , and cannot fail to be, the Divine blessing, extensively , I take the liberty to you on the enterprise. a deep interest in any for the elevation of the of this country,

[0002] white or black, I may allowed to shew my sympathy yours by alluding to the field which in the of time your benevolence affect.

The Kaffre or Zulu family right up to the Zambesi. the name "Landims" (Landeens) they have conquered the gold region called Manica, and all the south of this river (except the in the immediate of the forts Senna Tette) is under their or depopulated.

The estate of Shupanga , yielding the immense used in forming the canoes common on Zambesi, cannot be with by the , is retained only paying a large [annual] tribute.

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Some 600 dollars are paid to the , and only 400 of rent the Portuguese Government. language is nearly identical that of the Zulus of and Moenekhosi or . (the "Manicus" of the Boers) [the paramount of the region of

Inhambane,]is of the same family Panda. They all have certain amount of respect the English or as they us Maingeretse. When

D^e Kirk visited a village to their sway, his were abundantly , and payment : Your efforts and of other bodies of Christians these fine people without doubt be one day with glorious results.

If we turn to the influences work hitherto in this region see abundant reason for joy the prospect of the introduction better agencies. We have recieved kindness from individual , and can therefore

[0004] confidentially only about system. Their establishments not colonies, but small penal . No women are sent to them, and frightful immorality the result. The prevailing makes it wonderful the people live at all. Our is hated as a sort standing protest against vice. we should be "good fellows" by joining in their vices. a soil and climate superior Natal nothing is done but peddling in ivory and dust. When we go down the coast we have abundance of meat without trouble from game, but inland the grass, with Indigo and cotton, too tall for hunting, and we get neither vegetables nor meat for either love or . I am trying to obtain navigation of the Zambesi all nations, and if you can any influence to effect you will aid in breaking the exclusive system which the ruin of the country.

I am &c David Livingstone

Had the projected Institution been in existence before Sechele fell away from his of christianity his children might have recieved great benefit sent them of his own accord to Kuruman for instruction and believe they were supported there for a time by M^r Moffats private

bounty. am unaquainted with the missionaries now at Sechele's imagine that they would gladly induce Sechele to avail of any advantages you may have to bestow on his . and to me it would be a great satisfaction hear that any of the Bakwains had been so favoured. I do heartily bid you God Speed