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Dear Brother

I send you the *enclosed letter* for the Paris Geographical Society which I hope you will be kind to address and forward. I do not know the of their President, not yet having recieved *my letter* about the Medal with which they have honoured . M^r Thompson informs me it is in his possession says nothing of a *letter*. I write to thank you because if one delays it may seem to them as I undervalue their kindness, and whatever may thought of the gift itself (by those who dont get it) there be no doubt about the kindness of the motives of who resolved to bestow it I ought to thank you for it for if you had not sent *my letter* I should have been known to them. I shall move a vote thanks to you when Mary comes. At present I have no to second it and it would be a pity to let a good fall to the ground for want of a seconder. You not give me a note though I have been so long news. I have heard from Kuruman of the increase your family and that all was right - except Boers likely trouble you. I begin to wish you were North of that the Newspapers might come to me first. I have seen a single *Advertiser* since I left. All the Newspapers recieved were a few *Canadian papers* & two or three *Frontier times* & two *Christian times*, with about a dozen of that valuable the *Friend of the sovereignty* from each of an industrious person may glean as much

[0002] is contained in a little child's pictured pocket handkerchief

We had two slave traders here and a host of Mambari, the Portuguese, and the latter connected with them in trade as slaves. One had sixty slaves and will take away from Bashukulompa villages which by an intrigue with an who was put to death for it, 100 or 150 more Mambari found no market here and they fled as soon they heard I had reached the Chobe. One merchant came in a hammock ~~carried on~~[slung to] a pole. He was probably in his market for he remained only 3 days and . The other whose name I may mention to you as will not be published was Senor Antoneo-Francisco Silva Ferrevia Porto. Its enough to take away one's breath come from the farthest inland trading station belonging the Portuguese in the West opposite Benguela. It resembles

Kuruman considered as a trading station. Porto seemed the . He had wine at his table and sent me two Dutch cheeses some preserved pears. He has erected a stockade and a flagstaff for the Portuguese banner. We suspect underchief who was executed for intriguing may have him leave. At any rate it was by means of this that he was allowed to cross the river and peel villages. He wont be allowed to come in again would have expelled him but I interceded as the slaves would have suffered most. The plan was hunger him out - and to a man with no attendants would have been effectual. I visited his stockade he was absent. He wished us to travel in his but I was so disgusted with the sight of gangs of wretches in chains I have resolved to go . The enclosed will give you an idea of what have been doing. Katongo adjacent to Nariete is where stockade has been put up. The Makololo are dreadful

[0003] . Killing is thought nothing of. Indeed it is an every day how many men a man

has killed. Whatever dispute may it immediately degenerates into "how many men [h]ave you killed are a coward you never killed any one &c &c" No tribe needs *Gospel* more than they - but the fever is very bad, very fatal to Natives. The devil has it all his own way here a[s] he has had ages. 4 Makololo have been executed in the most cool offhand since I came and when I remonstrated against shedding blood they only replied that they "being still Boers all are yet taught". A short path in will be of benefit to country. I go on horseback. It is reported that a waggon not pass in consequence of numerous rivers & I have had fever 9 times the last very severe had a touch of it till I came here though all the people had on the way. It is not probable that I shall come out Kuruman again unless I have failed in finding path. We met Arabs from Zanguebar of the Imaum of Muscat. One of them readily in my *notebook* from right to left Mambari and Arabs were all intent on the slave trade. It must be profitable

In writing to the President will you explain the reason his name is not used. I dont know it. If any of the are known to you they might give me a help writing to the French Consul in the West of Africa - think of Loanda because there are English & French living and there are none in Benguela. Loanda is farther Benguela. Kind regards to Ann. Hope her young are both thriving. Wish I saw mine. Remembrance M^r & M^{rs} Jousse or whatever else you call him. The *enclosure* of course you will read saves me from some writing for would be mere repetition to tell you all. The Portuguese have "bastards", they are just like Griquas

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May God bless you and yours is the wish of Affectionately Yours

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