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Diary of Robert Edward Eardley Wilmot (1830-1861), Captain of the 15th Company of rifle Volunteers and Magistrate of the County of Derby.

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Written between 30 January 1856 - 22 July 1856, the diary describes a journey from Port Elizabeth through the Eastern Province of the Cape of Good Hope, during which he visited mission stations and military forts. Wilmot comments on the tribes, frontier politics, the importance of missions, natural history and on individuals such as Bishop J. Armstrong, C. Brownlee, A. de Smidt, J.B. Ebden, Bishop R. Gray, Sir G. Grey, T.J. Lucas, Chief Sandile, Sir R. Southey and Bishop T.E. Welby.

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