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Murclison's Cataracts
2nd July 1863

Dear Bishop

I had the pleasure
of welcoming our new
Bishop and a letter
from you a few days
ago. I am pleased to hear
that you have returned
to your diocese and
truly thankful to see
Bishop Gayer and
his band coming into
the country before we
leave it. He seems
very cautious and a
thoroughly practical
man. I earnestly

hope that the Master
whom he serves may
grant him all the
success he desires -
his mind appeared
almost made up to
locate himself on
Merambala and as
we had but partly a
day together I could
not collect all my
thoughts together about
it. But I shall write
and let him know
the chief objection
as regards health. It is
a detached mountain
and has often a table
cloth on it as on

Lalle mountain - this
 occurs almost every
 morning at certain
 seasons - and the cold
 and damp will be
 found to require special
 care as to clothing - but
 a fair trial of the
 heights here, or even
 been made and this
 2000 feet above the sea
 may turn out a
 good sanitary point
 from which the light
 of the gospel may yet
 radiate - It is however
 an awful thing to
 be in contact with
 Portuguese slavery

↳ You can form no
idea of the evils of its
contamination, and then
no matter how vile the
life they lead we are
looked down upon as
^{eccentric}
~~all~~ schismatics. I
wished the Bishop to
visit both the highlands
here and Moreau Vale
before deciding. But the
additional 200 miles
say, of stive navigation
seemed to sway his
mind against McNamee's
A pinnaque costing
£70 would bring up
5 tons of stores comfortably
and quickly ⁱⁿ ~~strong~~

57 The months between
June & November - the
wind always blows
up ^{rough} during that time -
Would Union with the
Propagation Society
or the Church Missions
Society not relieve
his mind from the
anxiety about money
matters that seems
to oppress the Bishop,
To this question he
replied ~~that~~ this was
a subject to be settled
by those at home.

Teaching I am
glad to find is to be
the great work of the
mission - our late

58
dear friend from the
rest of instances would
not teach - but by
teaching they will be
taught themselves.

We cannot come down
till December without
abandoning the Pioneer
and had I concieved the
the terrible depopulation
which the Lette slave
hunters aided by a
draught have effected,
I should not have come
up - When the people
were swept away our
work was done! It
took away all energy
to see nothing but human
skeletons and silent alleys

59 when thousands, ^{late} died.
My only regret now is
that never believed a word
the Lisbon statesmen
uttered about desire to
enlarge Africa. Half the
labour we have under-
gone would have left
in any other part not
infested by Portuguese
converts & slavers
an indelible mark on
Africa. Fancy the
flaming offers of land
for cotton planting
made about twelve
months ago at Lisbon
and published far &
near. An estate for
an old song, and all
our governors & help

60 - succour, assist and
 restore no end of coddling
 on all foreigners who
 would come & settle -
 No taxes for ten years
 & be - yet when a purely
 religious and philanthropic
 body of men buy the
 cloth necessary not for
 trading, but to buy food
 has to pay four pence
per pound weight as does
 a little less than the
 price of cotton itself before
 the American war - this
 which the mission has
 paid is only a sample of
 the measures which it
 sometimes bear many under
 all their proceedings -
 Beatty thanks for the
 Mosquito curtain Daniel Livingstone

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