

Letter to Arthur Tidman and Maps of Angola and Central Southern Africa, 10 February 1855

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Rev^d Dr Tidman

Dear Sir

It affords me

much pleasure to be able to
repair in some measure
the loss caused by the wreck
of the "Forerunner" by means
of the enclosed maps of the
Province of Angola, and
that portion of the country
of Lunda through which
we passed. You will
thereby be able to appreciate
some of the obstacles presented
by wood and water to the
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formation of a path such
as we have been accustomed
to use. Only the larger streams
or such as we found large
are inserted in the Lunda
portion But adjacent to
all these and in many
other parts there are large
dense forests. And if we
take the barriers presented
by bogs rivers & thickets
into consideration, it
looks as if it would be
a waste of life to attempt
single handed ~~handed~~ to
worm a way for a ponderous
Cape waggon. The actual

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distance ^ is not great between the Northern parts of Sekeletu's country and this the commercial capital of the Interior where European supplies may be obtained, and mails pass to the coast twice or three times every month. And if some of our strong young missionaries would view the limited spheres in which they spend their lives in comparison with that presented in

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to good account. At present I think it best before working farther in this direction to secure a choice by examination of the way down to the other coast. I leave this on the 13th currt.

If looking at the map you may wonder why Little Fish Bay or Benquilla was not attempted being so much nearer than Angola the reason was the presence of the tsetse on our Western borders.

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[Map of "Province of Angola."]

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[Map of "that portion of the country Lunda through which we passed."]