

Letter to Alfredo Duprat, 12 September 1855

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G.13.b.45(47.1) Banks of R. Chobe
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Alfred Duprat Esquire
My Dear Sir

I have an unexpected opportunity of sending notes to Angola and having recommended some friends in Loanda to procure and plant the seeds of the berry wax I have to beg your assistance in the matter. It is to be hoped a Portuguese ship

I go down the Zambesi next month, cannot possibly add more David Livingstone

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of war is coming round from Mosambique will be directed to call for seed and it may be well to have a quantity ready beforehand. I expect Mr Feeny's account of the wax before the Cape Agr^l Society will be published in the Bulletin. and as more x is given for the lb of common wax on the banks of the Quango upwards of 300 miles from the coast than suffices for raising a lb of of

x more than double

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berry wax. Its introduction
on the sands around
Loanda would be a boon
to the county

As you appeared to be

[...] friend of the

Botanic garden, May

I suggest your getting

Coffee seeds from Angola

for distribution. The first

of the Angola seeds were

a few Mocha berries x

brought by a missionary

The missionaries are

all dead but the

coffee has spread over

the whole country - new

plantations of it are

discovered daily and

the missionaries introduced ~~introduced~~ many delicious South American fruits what would you
give for miles of pine apple road edging at the Cape

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the coffee is really the best I

ever tasted. It is of great

importance to have the best

seed when commencing it,

cultivation as at Natal

I brought a lot here

but cannot send it.

via St Helena

Alfred Duprat Esquire

Cape Town

Cape of Good Hope