

Letter to Robert Moffat 1, [18 July 1845]

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[0001]

We hear that Inglis' visit to the Bahurutse
has put a quietus upon their removal[.]
We suppose he will find out you are
of more weight in effecting removal, &c
than either he or Andries or both
put together[.]

We recieved the cow bought by
Mameri and another I had at Motito
but what do you mean by "your
cow"[?] If you refer to that which
was at Obonyeñ you do very wrong
(excuse my saying so) for I shall never
accept it. It did not come & I hope
never will. If it lies on your
conscience give it to Ann as part
of her dowry[.]

I thank you most heartily for
the gun affairs barley & every things
else, but I shall do so more fully
by Paul who will go on Wedensday next

[0002]

We have enclosed thoughts on
Helen's affair. We think the young
man did right in speaking to Helen first
but it is a pity she was not at the
time of age. I would not have
come to you first for the world
It may be well for her future
prosperity if she is directed past
this match[.] But all we say is
freely & after we know your
decision has been given
My dear Mary is very well. In fact
improving on the subject, this
journey is evidence. She could not
have taken it three weeks ago
We were much better without M^r
Edwards['] presence. The chief once
asked me when M^r E would come

with his gun & cow[.] I told him I believed

[0003]

he would get to the Colony first, perhaps
this statement may be included in the
charges. He told the chief on his arrival
that he had come to ask the loan of
his brother. (A fine young man) to take
him to the Colony go mo kopela
khumo

This is not a letter, it is
a turmerisho only. You must never
take any expression in my letters
as implying disrespect or dis[-]anything bad
unless I tell you it is such in addition
to the expression. Take this to prevent
any misapprehension ka bosina
bokhutlo yotle Amen

Our united love to Mameri & all others

[0004]

There is a letter of M^r Murray
& be forwarded
Rev^d R Moffat
Kuruman

Livingston
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