

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 Benquella
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."]