

Letter to Alfredo Duprat, 12 September 1855

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G.13.b.45(47.1) Banks of R. Chobe
12 Sep^t /55
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