Dr. W.H.J. Bleek,

Post Office,

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Cape Town.

Doornkop, Natal, 5th Nov. 1856

My dear Sir,

I have just received with mixed pleasure and regret, facewell your (favoured ?) note from Durban.

I am unable to give any favourable account of the prospects of my compilation seeing the light; being still without a reply to the letter 30th Oct. 1855, which Sir. G. Grey was to forward to the Secretary of State with the report of his Executive Council.

I have had more than one proof of the favourable inclination of Sir George, in the papers that he has procured, or tried to procure, for me; but I am still without that proof of public countenance to my undertaking, without which it would be vain to apply to the Cape Parliament, for the requested assistance.

I have, meanwhile, exhausted all the materials in my hands, having, on the 11th March (the same day that the Admiralty thanked me for my Ethnological communications!) reported that I had finished translating 1700 papers of original papers formerly compiled, dated between 1652 and 1795. These contain a W455 of new matter on all the Coloured races - and abundant corroboration of our views as to Bushmen, and, as far as I know, the Cape Records contain no proof to the contrary.

I did not expect a word about the Bushmen in the dispatch, which was required to elucidate another matter. There can be no doubt that Riebeeck wrote these words, which utterly confirm what I have heard of the same event in the "Voice" - and if he wrote these words on the relations between the Bushmen and a distant pastoral tribe in 1661 - the Bushmen did not - then and there, "resemble the pastoral Hottentots".

I distributed all my copies of Lectures and Chapters but will try to hunt up some for Mr. Airka/to send you.

I asked my friend Mr. Robertson the Bookseller at the
Cape, to keep some copies for me. If you will show him this,
he will give you a few.

Favour me by writing me again from the Cape, and tell me your address after you have it, that I may be able to send you any information likely to interest you. There are so few here that care a straw for my research that I can ill spare you.

I am My Dear Sir,
Yours very truly,

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