

We have been too much occupied
him with wars and politics to think
much of Africa, and I fear the peace we
have been forced to make is but hollow.

Though a peaceful man myself I should not
hesitate to be driven once more to war, and
then to finish it off well.

As soon as ever I can get the
copies of the Vocabulary they shall
be distributed as you wish, and your
copies shall be sent to you.

I hope to hear from you that you
are well and getting on as you wish.

Believe me, my dear Bleek
Yours very sincerely
Edwin Morris

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Royal Asiatic Society,

5, NEW BURLINGTON STREET,

London 16 Aug. 1856.

My dear Dr Bleek.

I suppose you think I have
forgotten you, and indeed I am almost
ashamed at having delayed so long answering
yours to me. A few letters are sometimes
lost, and shall try to send this through the
Colonial Office. Your Vocabulary has
been finished three months but
such are the delays of office, that I have
not yet been able to get one complete copy.
I am writing off in a great hurry now, because
I am going out of town, being completely

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Letters from E. Norris
to Dr. Bleek.

1856 - 1866

exhausted with hard work, and I
hope a month at the sea side may
restore a little of my old strength, tho'
I fear that 61 years of age will not allow
me to entertain great hopes of revival.
I am a good deal engaged in getting
out the Assyrian and Babylonian
inscriptions, which the Government
has furnished money for, and will
present I believe to the great public
libraries and institutions throughout
Europe. - I do not think any thing

has come out lately in African dialect.
Let me return your thanks for the copy you
sent me, which are a gratifying proof of
your progress in these matters. I have
no doubt you speak Zulu like a
native. I am anxious to hear of the
advancement of the colony, which
is now, I understand, become independent
of the Cape, having a separate Governor,
which will be to its advantage without
doubt, unless the Government have been
nominated men incapable to the duty.