

16 Jan. 1895 Nowbury
RBC 2-19-a-24 near Cape Town

My dear Gen George,

You will receive
by this Mail a
paper containing a
speech made by
J. A. Fronde, which
I send you, because
it advocates on
the whole the very
same policy advised
by you, and unhap-
pily not followed
by your successors.

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to South Africa, short
as it has been, has
done a great deal
of good. I wished we
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and see what treasures
you have again collected.

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one day by seeing at
the Hotel in town, where
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breakfast, a man
sitting so curiously
like you in many ways,
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of the forty railway
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looked rougher, but perhaps

not more so than a
fort Stennis sea voyage
would account for. For
a few minutes it
seemed a delightful
possibility. - I seem
now a settled resident
here, especially as I
have been obliged to
buy a house very much
against my wish. My
landlord had given
me notice, and I could
not get a house to
hire for love or money.
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In our own house ("Chart-
ton House") we shall
be between Sir Thomas
Macleod's ("Grey V. Ma")
and Mr Rutherford's.
I am still struggling
on, butting with
very indifferent health
and weak strength,
particularly in
winter. In my Bush-
man researches I have
involved myself into
greater expenses than
our Responsible Govern-
ment

ment is nothing to
refund me; and I shall
have to appeal to those
who are interested
in this matter in
England to assist
me in such expenses
as I am myself unable
to bear. But in fact,
I shall appeal to them
for means to enable
me to subvention mis-
sionaries and others
for the purpose of
collecting the Folklore
of the Natives, before

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(The Elders do)
They are things of the
past, forgotten in the
increasing rush of
civilization. I had a
plan for this purpose
before our Ministry,
but Nottens (who is
now Auditor here)
did not see its useful-
ness, and refused to
allow anything for this
purpose. - With a few
months interval I have
had Bushiren staying
in my house for four
years and a half -
at one time as many as

seven, as I could not
get one important
member of a family
without the others.
Now I have only one -
Sir Thomas Maclear
is keeping well, although
getting old. He shows
with pride the watch
you gave him. He is
working now at
Livingstone's posthumous
papers. - He is a wonderful
man. At the time,
when the "Challenger"
was

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was here, he stayed at
baths till 3 or even
6 o'clock in the morning,
and seemed quite fresh
again, when you met
him at eleven o'clock.
They have done away
with that most useful
institution established
by you "The Board of
Examiners", and have
instead created a
sham University,
i.e. a thing without
Professors or Students,
to confer degrees merely.

I was very sorry you
were not here to give
this movement a more
salutary direction.

But I must close. In
fact the Mail having
closed, I probably can
send this letter & paper
only in the ship's letter
bag, on the risk of
your having to pay
part of the postage;
but I do not like to ~~lose~~ let
this direct opportunity
pass by. With kindest
affection & grateful
regards yours
W. H. O. Bleek

P.S. They are very busy here
with the railroad but doing now.
Several millions are to
be spent and all by the
Government. It is a grand
boon to the different
divisions of the Colony
to keep the present
Government in power.
They have new bridges to
build also; for many of them
have swept several
large bridges away.
Besides this, now the
time of fires. Still the
brush is burning — alone
dy more than sixty bushels