

having set in, and the breaking  
up of the establishment making  
my removal desirable. I shall go  
back to Mrs. Roesch, where at  
present there is no one but  
Capt. & Mrs. Jamison; but I hope  
soon to have an opportunity  
for Natal. You will see from  
<sup>(I send you yesterday's Monitor)</sup>  
the papers, in how great a  
state of anxiety we were here  
regarding that Colony, ~~on~~  
account of Zulu affairs.

We sent with the quickest  
despatch a thousand men  
to Natal, and are just awaiting  
the return of this Steamer.  
Happily the intended invasion  
of Natal has gone by this  
time. I am afraid it is, however,  
only for the time, and in half a  
dozen years Natal Native Affairs  
may give great trouble to H.

Mr. Government. - We had the  
Admiral Jones and Commodore  
Waselevy staying for some  
days at Government House.

The Admiral somewhat stiff and  
formal, but very gentlemanly;  
more, however, like an Officer than  
than a sailor. The Commodore  
very amusing, talkative. The  
Admiral has his nephew with  
him, a young Tasmanian of about  
11 years, who has never been in  
England, and is to enter as midshipman  
in a few months. He is a very nice boy.  
We received just news of a fearful  
murder committed at Zululana  
by a Mosambique, who killed a young  
farmer and his wife in the most  
atrocious manner. - - The Governor  
will probably depart soon, and will  
probably be accompanied by his  
present Private Secretary Mr. Layard  
(brother of the celebrated M. P.) and Mrs.  
Layard

Layard. It is possible that Colonel  
& Mrs. Travers, who are expected  
from England, will also go with or  
instead of the Layards. As I have  
a very bad opinion of Col. Travers,  
I should be most unwilling to go  
together with him to New Zealand  
or be there together with him.

There is a possibility that next April  
I may go on a visit to England, but  
it is a mere possibility, not at  
all a probability. - But I  
must close this letter. Excuse  
my dear friend, the bad and  
hurried writing. I hope soon  
to hear that the first weeks in  
England have refreshed you,  
and you feel well in body and mind.

I do not forget  
your faithfully attached  
W. H. S. Bleek

Government House, Capetown  
8 August 1861

My dear friend,

A few hurried lines I can merely  
send you by today's post - which  
will be sent by H. M. S. Chesapeake,  
Admiral Jones, leaving  
Simon's Bay to morrow. - At first,  
I am pretty well, and am not  
likely to go to New Zealand; but  
it is probable that I shall  
after all go <sup>by</sup> the next opportunity  
to Natal, on leave of absence.  
He shall be most glad to have  
hereby the opportunity of  
seeing your sisters. Yet it is  
not quite decided, and at all events  
you do best, till I advise you  
differently, to write to the same  
address as before. - I am still staying  
at Government House, but shall  
leave it today, the fine weather  
having