

Zanzibar 22nd March 1853

My dear Mr. Rebmann -

Many thanks for your kind letter of the 8th instant – and I wish I had some news to communicate in return – but we are singularly devoid of news & information of any kind – I have given all the latest newspapers received since my return here – both European and Indian to Mr. Erhardt from which you will be able to glean all that is of interest – the next English papers will contain matters of deep interest – the meetings of the parliaments of France and England will have taken place and it is at present difficult to foresee what the turn of affairs may be.

I hope you may all continue to like your new location at Kissuladimi (sic) [Kisuludini] – and that it may prove more congenial to Mrs. Rebmann's health than the old station at Empia-Seaunat [Rabbai-Mpia] but think the establishment of a new mission in Kmeries [? Kmeri was a king in Usambara] country at present somewhat premature – you see you have not sufficient hands I mean missionaries to subdivide the mission at present established – but indeed it is a question whether your present establishment can be considered as properly and firmly established for what results as yet have been produced - exceedingly little and I at once saw on my arrival here that the Imams mind was changed and unsettled as to the true object and intention of the Missionaries in East Africa and the people have taken a new idea as to the ulterior results of Missionary labours - they are in fact very sceptical as to the total man interference intentions of other missions as to political affairs – yet perhaps the Almighty will restore the minds of the people to their former way of thinking of the intentions of Missionaries and God alone can restore things to their former state – with my kindest wishes for Mrs. Rebmann's and your health and prosperity – I remain

Very sincerely yours

Atkins Hamerton

