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D. M. McLean
 My dear Sir
 I have the pleasure to inform you that I have
 and tender interest in all
 that may affect and concern you
 and permit me to say that I did,
 and do condescend with you very
 sincerely on your recent sorrow and
 afflictive bereavement - Your kind
 fully aware of my feelings towards
 you, I have been very
 penitently for a day or two after
 receipt of the news paper in which
 I read the melancholy tidings
 being cordially and fervently pray
 that God may bless you and
 his affection Mother; and that
 you may appear personally
 that he is justly entitled to the
 approbation of the God of all
 comfort and consolation. A
 very pleasant help in times of
 distress and in seasons of affliction
 yours

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The latest communication I had
 from my son was in February
 last. He says and Mr Shaw had
 some months before he wrote
 entitled "The houses of the
 Chitha They had got a house
 built and some traces of
 land had been up. They
 had had up to that word
 been resident in Omeke, but
 had his brother had some
 to patch in. Murdoch seemed
 a good deal cheered by the
 prospect of an arrival. He
 would advise him and his
 brother of a class of duties for
 which they could be best
 very indifferently qualified.
 Up to that day time
 Mr Shaw had brought no work
 on account of the high prices
 that prevailed, but I suppose

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that he and he has brought some
I have been in expectation of hear-
ing from him, but hitherto he
has not written me. A peculiar
disease which attacks me I am
little surprised and unless
help I am fully aware, that
for the past six or seven months
they had very little literary
or learned leisure, and that
it was a matter of course ^{with them}
with his brethren that ~~the~~
I am now made to know
Thinking to give Murdoch in
the relation of pen-dium and
perfectio. I felt I should have
heard and it is possible
though he may have done so,
and that his letter or letters
misarrived as usually do com-
ing from these <sup>un-
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the-
pen-
dium</sup>

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Murchison writes both in good
 humour and spirits but says not
 a word as to whether he liked the
 country or did not - Like the spirit
 out and some of his letters the ones
 not with a single complaint &
 yet I am pretty sure he had
 cause. If he gets on it will
 be a work of time but he is but
 a couple of days young; and it is
 not difficult in my view of
 the young folks should get on
 prospering. They are the better of a
 little "hard work" in the shape
 of adversity. You will be glad
 to learn that my family are
 well - your cousin can not
 you always about us. I shall
 repeat when you when
 you can command a line
 Now be believe yours me in affec-
 tionate remembrance. Believe me
 very dear Sir most sincerely yours
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