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My regards to John Williams please

At Kampala
26/7/54

My dear Peter,

Two straightened things out at Gulu,
& by an absolute miracle & nothing less,
engine was not pushed back, steering is
OK & although bonnet & mudguards look a
sorry mess the essential mechanism
is functioning OK it seems, & the car has
pulled the caravan - over 200 miles from
Gulu via Masindi & Hornia to Kampala
so it seems in good enough order to
be able to take us home - a long way yet!

Swee go alone to ~~Fort~~ Mulende,
Fort Portal, Lutoto & Bukoba & then
have to abandon the original plan to go
via Biharamulo & Uvungu to Tabora.
Cannot risk breakdowns in NW Tanganyika so
now Swee go via Nairobi & Arusha home.
I am not in a position to give you a
date of arrival in Nairobi. It will
take a few days to do Fort Portal - Bukoba,
then Kapsabet & then Sweede at
Endebess near Kitale - I may or may not be
able to go up Kavirioja way - then make my

Contact Chap Peaker G.H. B-
ext 175

way to Nairobi. I may arrive anywhere in
about 12-15 days time - I cannot say yet, but

I will wire you a day or so in advance.
If it is not absolutely & entirely convenient
for you to put us up - & there are four of
us, then please book us in at the

Mayfair & we can very easily stay there
for one or two days. We have the caravan

- can sleep in it of course. So please
don't hesitate to book us in at the Mayfair
if not absolutely convenient to have 4 of us, see!

I have asked my office to send letters &
any processed Kodachromes - taken this trip -
to me c/o Compton Museum, so perhaps
this Judge could give them to you to keep
until I arrive. If Kodachromes arrive we can view them.

I am hoping my Kodachromes will be good
since I now have the very latest Exakta
reflex camera with a splendid ^{extra} tele ^{lens} ~~lens~~.
For customs purposes my Kodachromes are of
course processed film returned to owner &
I imagine no duty should be payable!

I have nothing specific to do in Nairobi
except see Claims Dept at Army GHQ, & take
the family to the Park apart of course
from the joy of seeing you all again

It has rained solidly all day here & I do not welcome rain when towing a heavy caravan, believe me! Still, I have been very lucky with the rains & only bogged once near Watra in North Congo. Caravan roof leaked & our beds got wet & we spent a miserable night in dampened spirits.

While at Bulu, I unexpectedly met the warden of Murchison Falls National Park - Ernest Knew and we could only enter the Park from Bulu. I slipped over & witnessed the incredible sight of the mighty Nile rushing headlong at express speed through a gap only 20 feet wide - seems impossible but there it is! Then the warden took me 7 miles from his camp upstream ^{in his clamnet} to near foot of Falls - & all I hope is that my photos turn out well!

Well old man, drives time & family waiting. Hope you & Mrs Bally & Peter Alexander are all as fit as can possibly be.

Christie for now
Gilbert R

Dr. G. W. Reynolds
P.O. Box 2097
JOHANNESBURG

Bot. 34/SA/54

27-4-1954

Dear Gilbert,

I hear from Greenway that you have received the Aloes which he kindly offered to take to Johannesburg on my behalf. He told me that you were disappointed there were no more, and I am not surprised, for I had great hopes from this safari too, concerning Succulents of all kinds, but not only did we go at the wrong time, but before we reached the really interesting areas on our programme, I was called to Switzerland urgently for family matters and so I left after we reached Hargeisa, where we went to fairly rapidly from Nairobi, intending to concentrate on collecting on the way back.

Harar too, eluded me again for that reason. John Williams visited Erigavo after I had left, and he collected some Aloes there of which you have now specimens too. They are the most interesting ones.

Here is a list of what I collected:

- B 9500: Aloe microdonta Chiov. Somalia, 28 miles E. of Liboi, flowering specimens (Collected on our joint trip in appr. the same locality)
- B 9501: Aloe rabaiensis Rendle Somalia, 3 miles W. of Belesse Cogani, 400' flowering specimens (Collected in the same locality during our joint trip)
- B 9547: Aloe trichosantha Berg. Somalia, 7 miles S. of Bulo Burti, 600', one flowering specimen (they were all in flower then) (Collected in the same area during our joint trip.)
- B 9557 Aloe sp. Somalia, 3 miles N. of Belet Uen, 750', on limestone. Leaves very pale, glaucous-green, sparsely speckled, very fleshy, narrow, one dried inflorescence points to Aloe ruspoliana, but the immature plants seen seem spatter than is normal with that species. (Living specimen sent to you through Br. P. J. Greenway.)
- B 9650 Aloe perrottii Somaliland Protectorate, Burao Grazing Reserve, 3250', on sandy, clayey, alluvial soil, in shade of bushes, mostly Acacias, rare, only two single specimens found. Not flowering when collected (Did I send you a specimen?)
- B 9651 Aloe magnidentata Christ. Somaliland Protectorate, between Burao and Sheik, also common in other places, especially around Hargeisa, commonest Aloe in the Protectorate. Not flowering in this season. No specimens sent to you, because you have it (my Aloe No. 34)
- B 9659 Aloe sp. nov.? Somaliland Protectorate, Sheik Pass. Very much like my Aloe No. 33 sent to you earlier, identical in growth form, but leaves slightly darker green and inflorescence somewhat laxer and red-flowered (Perhaps a red-flowering var. of Aloe No. 33?)
Growing on rocky Escarpment
- B 9660 Aloe sp. nov. Somaliland Protectorate, Sheik Pass, 4000' This is my Aloe No. 33 with yellow flowers which I sent to you previously.

B 9661 Aloe sp.nov.?
Coll.Bally,12-2-54

Somaliland Protectorate,Sheik Pass,3400' at point at which - coming from Upper Sheik - one gets a first glimpse of the maritime plains with the hills n'r Barbara. On rocky slope,side of a ravine. Onle one sterile plant seen. Rosulate leaves,stem short,erect, leaves straight(not reflexed)very fleshy,at least 1 Meter long. Not flowering when collected) Teeth dark brown,shiny,38mm distant in the middle of the leaf,leaf-surface smooth,sap-green without speckles. Smell of sap extremely pungent. Suckers sparsely.

Of this distinctive plant I pressed two leaves and obtained one(damaged) sucker which will, I hope, grow in my garden. I did not risk sending it to you, for it did not look as if it would survive the journey.

B 9662 Aloe somaliensis Wright Somaliland Protectorate,Upper Sheik at top part of Pass,and top of Fodjor Escarpment,E.of Upper Sheik,locally common, mostly on level ground. (limestone Plains) Sent to you previously(Aloe 35)

B 9669 Aloe hybrid? Somaliland Protectorate,lower part of Fodjor Escarpment.5000', One plant only seen,forming a small clump leaves rosulate,similar to those of A.jucunda,but twice or 3 times as long,slightly reflexed,speckled. Inflorescence lax, like that of B 9659 which occurs also in the vicinity, together with A.jucunda.

I assume that this very decorative plant is a hybrid of the two.(A.jucunda and A. B 9659) Fls. dark red like those of B 9659.Coll.Bally,12-2-54

one specimen sent to you thro.Greenway

B 9670 Aloe jucunda Reynolds.

Somaliland Protectorate,Fodjor Escarpment,5000',rare usually in shelter of bushes, not seen suckering and forming large clumps as on the Can Libah,but it produces few suckers. It grows here far more exposed than on the Can Libah. Inflorescence a single spike, pale pink. Onle one flowering plant found,pressed for Coryndon-Museum. Coll: 12-2-54

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B 9695 Aloe sp.nov.?

(perhaps allied to an Arabian species?)

Somaliland Protectorate, Las Anod. Stems short,erect leaves glaucous green without spots,smooth,margin entire. Appears to form clumps. Flowers not seen. Coll.J.C.Williams, February 1954

Of this I sent you a living specimen.

B 6319 Aloe sp.nov.?

Somaliland Protectorate,20 miles E.of Erigavo,locally common,first collected by Peck and Glover, for some years in cult.in my garden,where it flowered w pure,yellow flowers.(See photographs sent to you earlier.) Stem short,erect,leaves rosulate,margin entire without teeth,surface of leaves very rough like sha,reen. Of this, my cook, Danial Oguma,collected a number of sterile plants after continuing the safari with Mr.Williams. I sent you 1 or 2 plants through P.J.Greenway.

Williams brought also two very much dried-up small suckers of the famous Erigavo Escarpment-Aloe of which you have a photograph from Gilliland and which seems related to A.bainesii. I still nurse them in my nothouse,and as soon as they have sufficiently recovered I shall send them to you, or at least one of them.

You will now soon be on your way to the Belgian Congo and I wish you good hunting there, and a smooth journey with your caravan.

Yours sincerely

THE ALOES OF SOUTH AFRICA

By G. W. Reynolds

(Foreword by FIELD MARSHAL The Rt. Hon. J. C. SMUTS, O.M., C.H., P.C., LL.D., F.R.S.)

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SOUTH AFRICA

2nd March 1954

Mr. P. R. O. Bally,
Corondon Museum,
P. O. Box 658,
NAIROBI, KENYA.

My dear Peter,

I do not suppose you will have returned to Nairobi by the time this reaches its destination, but I would like to send you, while I have them, copies of "African Wild Life" and "Veldtrust", containing articles of mine.

I am afraid there are a few spelling errors which I did not notice at the time, especially Monodenium instead of Monadenium. Another sad error occurred, namely Monkey-Kyrle!

You will be interested to hear that for three solid months I have worked on my book "Safari to Somalia" and I handed it over to the publishers a few days ago. I am now doubtful as to whether they will accept it for publication, since they say that Kenya Colony, Ethiopia and Somalia are not items of great interest to the South African reading public.

They have, however, promised to read it through carefully and let me know in due course, so I can only wait and see what happens.

I hope you had a most enjoyable and successful trip through the country which I so badly wanted to visit myself. Since you have, I imagine, done most of Somaliland Protectorate it rather looks as if my hopes of visiting that country next year in September, may not now materialize. Still, we can think about that when I have your results from this present trip.

I am looking forward to having all the news when you return, and can conveniently give me some details.

With all good wishes,

Yours ever,

G. W. Reynolds

Shave reviewed authority direct from the President of the Parks Natn. Soc. in South Africa. Prof. Van Straalen to collect plants and herbarium material in the Protectorate early 2 1/2 months before I leave. Time for book in lot.

*Recd
May
Wed - May 5/54*

... I hope to find you
... in the future, and very soon
... 1-1-1854

... of the ...
... 1-1-1854

... for you X-Mas. and New Year
... the photograph of your ...

At last I am writing the type script which you
let me have to see, and which I hope to see in print soon!

In under three weeks I shall be off with John
Williams for ~~Somerset~~ + Barb. Som., perhaps Shelley Money-Kyrle
will come with us as far as Christmas or May, to take a bath
on a banana steamer for Enago. But as he changes his
plans, I shall be ...

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My Cousin Walter Fitch of the Monasterium was the
best self-factory of all, we collect in them, to my disgust,
but the plants I brought back there beautifully, so that in
time I can get all the necessary illustrations from them.

It is really too soon for me to go on such a long trip
again, but one must make hay while the sun shines, and How
elling is bound to become more difficult with partial develop-
ments in Africa, not do we get younger as the years go by.

I shall get as many Alce records for you as pos-
sible, and also pass the way for your visit later.

Telegram regarding my proposed visit to Hesperia have already been exchanged, and this time I hope to find my postcard waiting for me in Hesperia.

I enclose one column film of Dr. S. W. Reynolds at work in the field, not very good I am afraid.

Next week we are to start building a house and a garage to go home, and when you come next, we can put you up very comfortably, just long as you like.

At last I am ready to start building a house and a garage to go home, and when you come next, we can put you up very comfortably, just long as you like.

I hope to see you in Hesperia.

Yours truly,
 [Signature]

The house will be a far more pleasant one than the one we are at now. I hope to see you in Hesperia.

I have got all the necessary material now for the house. It is really the best for me to go on with a long trip.

I shall be in Hesperia in the afternoon of the 15th. I shall be in Hesperia in the afternoon of the 15th.

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14th. December 1953.

Mr. P.R.O. Bally,
Coryndon Museum,
P.O. Box 658,
Nairobi,
KENYA.

My dear Peter,

Many thanks for your letters of 6th. and 9th. just received.
I am leaving in the morning and will be away for three weeks. *at the sea*

Thanks for offers of plants which I will bear in mind and
avail myself of if the necessity arises. I have quite enough to
go on with thanks.

Re Aloe on Landsberg's farm I am not sure what you have
since as you remember there is rather a mixture there. Sorry I
cannot help you more.

Sorry I sent you my three articles twice - I wondered where
my copy was. However, I will be glad to have them back when
finished with.

Please excuse more now since I have a terrible lot to clear
up before leaving tomorrow.

Yours ever,

G.W. Reynolds

Bot.302/SA/53

9-12-1953

My dear Gilbert,

You seem to have sent me the copies for your three publications twice by mistake, and I am returning one set of them forthwith, by surface mail, as you suggest.

I read through them all, and may I make just one little suggestion, for your publications Nos II and III, where you mention my name in the introduction: It is to repeat what you said in No. I., i.e. that my purpose in planning the trip had been - apart from collecting Alees with you - to investigate type localities of the Genus Eupherbia and Menadenium, and to do general collecting for the Coryndon Museum.

The new Exacta-Camera sounds most exciting and useful, and a wonderful help to your future work!

In haste, Yours ever

Dr. G. W. Reynolds
P.O. Box 2097
JOHANNESBURG

Bot.SA/299/53

6-12-1955

My dear Gilbert,

Many thanks for sending me the excellent Kodachrome of the "Savane" leaping on to the Dolo Ferry which is very welcome for my collection of slides; the black-and white series of them is of course, a beautiful record for my album.

We are very glad to have your article with the excellent photographs for our Journal, and I hope sincerely that the printers will reproduce them well. In the past, illustrations were very poor indeed, but they now have new machinery and we hope that this will be a great improvement.

If among the plants you lost this last winter are any which I have in my garden in Nairobi, let me know so that I can replace anything which you might need.

Although you are the promptest, and most meticulous correspondent I ever had to do with, (far more so than I am myself, I fear) I have caught you out on one unanswered question in one of my previous letters (I cannot tell you which, because I am writing at home, on Sunday, and your file is at the museum): Is the *Aloe* which we saw on Landsberg's Ferry *A. ingobitensis* or was it in an area in which you said you would rather shut your eyes to because it was one of those areas populated with hybrid forms?

As I have made a flowering plant a herbarium specimen, I would like to make sure and name it correctly.

I have acknowledged receipt of your three articles to be published in the *Journal of the Botanical Society of South Africa*. All has been done, and I congratulate you on the speed with which you got your findings published.

After sorting out all the seeds collected on the trip, I find that I have:

- Seeds of: *Aloe collidophila*
- " *hybrid (otallensis-secundiflora)*
- " *microdonta*
- " *rivae*
- " *trichosantha* (these last a little doubtful if they are fresh or viable)

Are you interested in any of them?

Without more for today

Yours ever

Peter

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SOUTH AFRICA

4th. December, 1953.

Mr. P.R.O. Bally,
P.O. Box 658,
Nairobi,
KENYA.

My dear Peter,

Just a hurried few lines to send you copies of the three articles which have been sent in to the Journal of S.A. Botany.

Professor Compton tells me that he will include them in the first part to be published in 1954, so publication will not be long delayed.

Please return by ordinary surface mail since it is not worth paying Air Mail rates on them.

In haste,

Yours ever,

Gielhuis

I am hoping to get an Leica camera
(in Feb or March) with 1.5 lens + telephoto
+ those up gadgets & all focusing
by reflex something like yours but
with the reflex on camera instead
of usual viewfinder. It looks a wonderful job!

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SOUTH AFRICA

27th, November, 1953.

Mr. P.R.O. Bally,
Coryndon Museum,
P.O. Box 658,
Nairobi,
KENYA.

My dear Peter,

I thought I had taken more in colour of the car struggling on the ferry at Dolo but I find I took only three so can only send you the one Kodachrome enclosed.

You will, of course, have a splendid record from the black and white enlargements sent.

In haste,

Yours ever,

G. W. Reynolds

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PHONE 22-2653

26th. November, 1953.

Mr. P.R.O. Bally,
Coryndon Museum,
P.O. Box 658,
Nairobi,
KENYA.

My dear Peter,

Many thanks for your letter of the 14th, which has only just reached me since the envelope had been inadvertently addressed to Box 297 instead of 2097. I am glad that the enlargements reached you and that the snaps for Audley had been sent on to him.

Re Tarro Gumbi: Gillette has searched the literature and has told me that this spot is at $41^{\circ}28'E$, $4^{\circ}58'N$ which is about 20' N. of where we first touched the Ganale Doria River.

Re Secundiflora X otallensis: My number is 7047, 8 miles north of Dubuluch.

Re your Aloe No. 16: My plant is living but has made no effort to flower yet.

Data for Gillett's 13748: (My No. 6740). Moyale Dist. On precipitous bank of a torrent (decayed granite). Leaves much softer than other Aloes found here. Only three individuals found.

Yes thanks, all my colour slides had been processed and delivered to me within two weeks of my return so I have the lot but I rather fear that my series available for lecturing will not be what it could have been because I have been invited by Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, whom I know personally and have met, President of the National Geographic Society and Editor in Chief of the National Geographic Magazine, Washington D.C., to send him a selection of my best most colourful slides for examination and if suitable for reproduction, he will entertain an article to accompany them. They pay very well and if I once got an article with colour plates in this famous National Geographic Magazine with a circulation of over two million I would be pretty well

"made" which would be helpful and useful for raising funds for future expeditions of which there are still quite a few to be undertaken.

Please excuse more now.

Yours ever,

Richard

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PHONE 22-2653

23rd. November, 1953.

Mr. P.R.O. Bally,
The Coryndon Museum,
P.O. Box 658,
Nairobi,
KENYA.

My dear Peter,

Many thanks for yours of 20th. from which I am glad to hear that the Articles for your Journal, also "African Wild Life" also all the photographs I sent have all reached you safely. There are some exceedingly fine photographs among them and I am particularly proud of the one of that termite chimney near Yavello. Many thanks for your offer of photographs, but quite frankly I cannot think of any that I want since I photographed everything that I wanted myself. Nevertheless many thanks for the kind thought.

Regarding the Accounts I am glad to hear that the amount I sent you is correct and that by an oversight Audley's contribution had been overlooked.

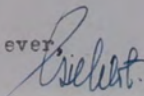
Re your *Sagalla* plant I do not see why it should not be a form of *A. lateritia*. My plant has not yet flowered. I will be glad to have photographs of your No. 16.

I lost rather a few plants this last winter which was a particularly severe one so several of those collected this trip have been planted in large tins so that they can be brought in and put under cover next winter. All I need of most of them is flowers since I have taken the fullest notes of everything else in the field.

It is interesting to learn that the *Euphorbia* near Brava turns out to be a new species. I have finished all of my notes and descriptions etc and am now concentrating in getting my notes knocked into shape for my travel book but that is a thing that one cannot write to order in a hurry since words and expressions must be carefully chosen.

Cheerio for now and all the best,

Yours ever,



Dr. G.W. Reynolds
Box 2097
JOHANNESBURG

280/AS/53

20-11-53

Dear Gilbert

Very many thanks for the last batch of magnificent photographs of Aloes and of some of the Euphorbia which you sent me and which make my collection very complete now. Please do let me know if there are any of the photographs which I took of which you want enlargements. I sent you all those on which you figure, but for the rest, I believe you photographed practically everything I took, and more. Maybe I shall find something of interest to you among my colour slides when they arrive eventually.

Thank you also for the copies of your articles for our Journal and for "African Wild Life," which I read with interest.

When I sent you my account, I felt that you must get a shock at the amount of £ 92/odd, because you had written a short while before that you did not expect that it would come to more than £ 80/-/-, but I completely overlooked Audley's contribution, and I am relieved that you spotted my oversight at once. I am afraid I am shockingly bad at figures and accounts, and I would much rather leave them to you on a future trip.

Anyway, our present accounts were made very carefully and conscientiously by Audley, to whom I was most grateful for doing them.

If the Quelea trip with Williams should come off, I hope that I can be just a passenger and concentrate on collecting alone, leaving even my car in Nairobi.

But reverting to Aloes: I find that the plant (saponaria-Group) which I collected on Sagalla last year I sent you a living plant looks very much like your 9033. The Sagalla plant is near enough to the type loc. of A. lateritia could they be both forms of that species?

My Aloe No 16, referred to in my last letter, is now in full bloom, and I shall send you a black-and white photograph in due time. It too belongs to the lateritia-Group, but it forms quite a stem and the leaves are not speckled. It is also a larger and more robust plant.

We are having quite satisfactory short rains, and all the newly planted Aloes are doing magnificently well.

I have almost caught up with pending correspondence which had accumulated terrifically during my absence, and I am now typing out the list and descriptions of the almost 400 plant specimens collected during our trip in the way, the Euphorbia we found near Brava (where I lost my double shells is not as I assumed, E. grosseri, but a new species!

All the best,

Yours sincerely

22/12/53

20-11-53

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Box 2097
Dr. G.W. Reynolds

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Bot. 280/SA/53

20-11-1953

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I also thank you for your copies of the articles for our Journal and for "African Wild Life".

Thank you for paying the amount into my account. I was relieved when you drew my attention on my oversight in forgetting to deduct Audley's contribution towards the safari fund. I felt that you must get a bit of a shock on finding that your share was to be £ 92-odd instead of the £ 80 on the outside which you had expected. But an shockingly bad at figures and accounts, as you will have noticed. But your share exceeds your expectation only by a little over 12/- which is not too bad after all.

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18/11/53

My dear Peter,

Herewith copies of 3 articles which will probably be published in Jan. issue of Journ. S.A. Botany.

I at last ^{now} am finished with articles photos, field notes etc dealing with our expedition & hope soon to tackle my travel book in earnest.

Yours in haste

Gellert.

You may wish these copies if of any use, but they have NOT been carefully corrected for errors.

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PHONE 22-2653

14th November, 1953.

Mr. P.R.O. Bally,
Coryndon Museum,
P.O. Box 658,
Nairobi,
KENYA.

My dear Peter,

I have just returned from my business trip and found your letters of 6th and 7th instant awaiting me. Thanks for Statement of Account from which I note that the amount due to you is near enough to £93 but you have evidently forgotten to deduct the £20 from Audley, so if I assume that my share of £10 is to be deducted I make it that the amount I owe you is £83. I have instructed my bank to credit your account in Nairobi with 1660/- by Letter of Transfer and enclose the duplicate paying in slip. I hope that this is now in order.

"Didi Cheena Plains" was the name Bromley gave me for the place where we found the new species with deeply channelled recurved leaves about 48 miles from Moyale on the road to Mega.

We met the Staffords at 116 miles north of Mogadishu which is 20 miles south of Bulu Burti.

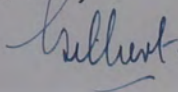
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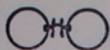
I am glad to hear you received the Zooleo and Veldtrust which I sent.

I am now sending you enclosed the last of all the photographs I can send you. Notes on back give full details. You will notice your monodenum and the euphorbia (where I left my exposure meter) among them.

Please excuse brevity since I am snowed under with work.

Yours ever,





See Reynolds and Co. Letter
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11/11/53

Dear Peter,

Just a hurried note to send you a
 copy of the short article John
 Williams asked me for, for
 the C.A. Nat. Hist. Soc. Bulletin.

I have sent the original to him
 with some photos. Hope it
 will be of some interest
 to your members.

Cheerios - in haste

It is admittedly short & sketchy
 - but one can't do much
 when limited to space!

Sillant.

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17th November 1953

Mr. P.R.O. Bally,
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P.O. Box 658,
Nairobi,
KENYA.

Dear Peter,

Just a hurried line to send you a copy, not too carefully corrected for errors, of the article which will be published in African Wild Life in their first issue coming out about March next.

In great haste,

Yours ever,

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14-11-1953

My dear Gilbert,

Many thanks for your note of the 5th enclosing the magnificent enlargements which I am very much pleased to have. If there any more of mine, let me know, also any larger sizes you might wish to have. The snaps for Audley have gone to him to Moibben, where he is still helping with the harvest.

Thanks also for the various lists and notes which are most welcome.

Under Aloe leucantha Berg. there is the puzzling locality "Tarro Gumbi" which both you and I have been searching somewhere along the Dava Parma.

I for my locality of the type of M. ellenbeckii (Ellenbeck 2102) and you for A. leucantha (Ellenbeck 2103) if he numbered his plants as he found them, he must have collected them almost simultaneously. Now I find that there is a Mt. Gumbi at Hawash, just South of the place, (1430m.) Could it possibly have been there? Personally I doubt it, for it may not coincide with the dates, (which I can verify only when in Xew) but it is a possibility not to be ignored. Is there evidence that Ellenbeck numbered his plants as he proceeded?

On your note re Aloe otalensis Bak. you mention at the end the cross of A. secundiflora. Am I correct in giving this the number R 7067? I have

The Aloe which I collected at Landsberg's Farm above Thompson's Farm is now flowering. Did you consider this a hybrid, (kedongensis w. ngobitensis) or would it be the true A. ngobitensis?

My Aloe No. 16 (sent to you on the 10-10-51) is just coming into flower.

It belongs to the lateritia group with its inflated-based flowers, but seems distinct, in other ways. How is your plant doing? I shall picture it and preserve it when it is ready and let you have the copies.

The short rains have started in earnest now, and things are looking up in the garden.

What are the data for Gillett's 13748? He never gave them to me and it is going well in my garden, I have several plants of it. Professor Millot received a plant of it too, so you need not send him one later.

I am busy painting a Euphorbia, all my succulents start flowering around the end of the year and right into January.

Soon my first colour slides will be coming in from U.S.A.; I expect xx that you have already received yours, and I hope that they are all good.

So much for today, I hope this finds you well and kicking and in good form,

Yours ever

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5th. November, 1953.

Mr. P.R.O. Bally,
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KENYA.

My dear Peter,

Just a short note to send you the enclosed photographs which I thought you would like to have. You will see that the one of the termite chimney near Yavello has come out exceedingly well. I have not yet received the plant photographs which Dr. Dyer is having done in Pretoria but when they arrive your share will be sent on. I am also enclosing a list of my numbers and localities which you wanted.

I am sending a few photographs to Audley, care of you. If he has already left would you please send them on.

No more now - tons of work to be done.

Yours ever,

G. W. Reynolds

P.B.

Copies of 2 more field notes enclosed

6990 : *A. Evrenii* in PB Herb NR B. 21/9/53
(CEXXI. 10A.)

7016 *Obs of on Sama Hill* CEXXI 17A
CEXXI 16A

CEXXI 25A. *Obs with Crowley.*
7034 *A. secundiflora* : 16 miles WNW of Mezale on road
to Mega. $3^{\circ}40'N$ $38^{\circ}38'E$

7039 CEXXI 29A 6.9.53 *A. calidophila* n. d.
In the Dida Cheena Plains, 49 miles
WNW of Mezale = 26 miles SE of Mega
C. $3^{\circ}52'N$ $38^{\circ}35'E$

7046 *A. Stalensis* { 3m N of Dubulch, 2m N of Mega
4027'N 3817'E
} CEXXII or CEXXII 14.

7032 *A. Rivae* Consulata Hill, Mega 6200ft (CEXXI 30A)

CEXXII 36 on road West of Gavello (not E)

7105 (CEXXIV 34A) *A. microdonta* near Anole,
2 1/2 miles S of Bardera. 250ft.

7116 CEXXV. 10 *A. microdonta*, Margherita, 3/10/53
alt 40ft. Wrong

7135. CEXXV 24. *A. microdonta* 7/10/53. 8m N of Meg.

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7-11-53

My dear Gilbert,

Yesterday I did go again to see Parker-Togossoff & Co.Ltd.and obtained their bill which amounted to Shs. 283.22, i.e.about # 4/-/- more than I had anticipated.

This enables me at last to give you the final statement of accounts for our safari which I enclose here.

Yesterday I had a short visit from Prof.Millot on his way from some Conference in Westafrica to Madagascar and I gave him some of our spoils of our Expedition, among them a specimen of the Aloe (R7075?) from 85 miles E.of Yavello, shrubby growth, very blue grey, with long sheaths which you said might be near the "ciliaris"-Group. Also a seedling of Aloe sp.(possibly *A.ruspoliana*) from ^{For} ~~For~~ Fer, collected by R.Stephenson, and a plant of *A.ruspoliana* from near ^{3.6} Ischia Baidoa. I am telling you this so that you will not duplicate when sending him plants.

I call off for today, so as to get on with my other work, and I trust that you will forgive the brevity of this note.

Yours ever

Summary of AccountsBally-Reynolds Expedition to Ethiopia and Somalia, 1953

	Sh. Cts-
Europeans:	
Tinned food, equipment (bought and hired) ammunition, First-Aid, Hotel Expenses	1801.78
Africans:	
Wages, food, blankets & equipment passports, permits	981.70
Car expenses:	
Landrover w. trailer	710.05
Renault Savane	955.29
Petrol	1240.11
Miscellaneous (ferry tolls, permits)	51.-
Telegrams, cables	119.27
A. Noney-Kyrle, miscellaneous	40.60
<u>Total</u>	<u>5880.80</u>
Grady, from Queen's University Belfast	438.00
	4937.75
Dr. C. W. Reynold's share:	Sh: 2468.87
Paid in advance	610.--
	<u>Sh. 1858.87 = £ 92/18/37</u>

My dear Gilbert,

Like you, I have at the moment little time to spare and I am therefore limiting myself to the briefest possible notes, until I have more breathing space. On Monday I went to Ologasalle to plant the Somalia-Succulents, and it took me all day instead of a few hours, because I had one puncture and one blow-out en route, and had to change tyres and mend inner tubes all on my own, cursing at the waste of time.

Yesterday at last I could see Swynnerton of the Quelca Research and I could persuade him to pay for all expenses connected with the landrover and its driver, except for the petrol.

All I need now is the last bill of Parker & Togossoff's for the repair of the Renault, and although they promise it me whenever I go to see them - which I did twice this week although it is 5 miles out in the industrial area - they say that it is under way. They are not on the 'phone and I can not remind them more often therefore, because there is too much to do at the Museum. Your estimated share is therefore still the figure quoted in my letter to you of Oct. 31st.

I suppose that you have heard of the "SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL FOR AFRICA SOUTH OF THE SAHARA" which has among its members as many scientific workers as possible concerned with that area. I have just received their latest list of members in which you are not included and I suggested that they should approach you to become a member.

I heard you refer to "Dida cheena"-Plains, but I do not have this name in my notes nor is it to be found on my maps. Is it between Buna and Moyale, or between Moyale and Yavello? What was the mileage N. of Villagio, S. of Bulo Burti, where we met the Stafford's? What is the name of the owner of Ristorante Vittoria in Chisimaio, to whom I want to send a print of the "Ristorante"? Do you want a print of it too?

I shall write at once as soon as I have the correct figure of your share.

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My dear Peter
Many thanks for yours of 31st for the photos
which I am glad to have. I will take them home tonight
give you my numbers next mail.
Thanks for figures of trip costs - I will remit direct
to your bank (which is the cheapest way) as soon as I
have your final figure. Mine will be round about £50 still to pay.
- not more shops!

I shed no tears at ~~the~~ Edward's departure - "educated"
Africans are not always to be preferred - too superior

as a rule.

My negatives being printed now - I hope to send
you a share before long.

Have excuse brevity - no typhoid - off ill.

Have finished 3 papers for publication in Ann SA Bot

1. Two new aloes from Ethiopia
(*A. calidophila* + *A. yauellana*)
2. Notes on the Aloes of Somalia (in which
all are discussed)
3. The identity of the Rivae Bate.

Cheers for now from
Gillbert

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My dear Peter,
Not sure whether Andley is still
there, hence enclosed - dealing with
Guelen on page 6 - sent to
you for him.

In haste

Cherrie
Bellack

I have sent a copy to
John Methuen too.

My dear Gilbert,

Many thanks for your letter of the 26th and the enclosed £ 30/10/- which comes in handy just now, as I have to pay out my domestic staff to-day.

Money-Kyrle has finished the accounts, but I cannot yet give you the final figure, because two items are still outstanding. One is the cost of repair to the Savane after our return (the replacement of the Fiat main leaf and coil spring, re-adjusting the brakes, etc.) the other is the amount which the Quelea Research will be prepared to refund.

Our expenses for the landrover minus petrol is nearly £ 50/-/- including Alfred's wages, and if they refund the total amount, it will be a welcome reduction off our expenses.

The repairs to the Savane will add to about £ 45/-/- which will still be about 15 £ less than the recognized depreciation for the mileage run on in-different roads. The remaining provisions which I shall take over are worth Sh. 255 cost price, and that will just about square for me the depreciation on my car.

The provisional figures are as follows:

Expenses accounted-for:	5490.90
Expected expense for last repair to Savane=	" 200.-
Total Expenditures	5790.90
Hoped-for refund by Quelea	981.70
Contribution Audley Money-Kyrle	490.-
Total Expenditures:	4769.20
Your share: 2204.60	of which you paid Shs. 610.0
My share :	2204.60

Against the figure for "expenses accounted-for (Sh. 5490.90) my cheques books show an expenditure of Sh. 5750.-, a difference of Sh. 260.- which I take upon myself.

On Monday I hope to get the repair bill for the Savane, and I shall see Swynnerton of the Quelea Research, so that by Tuesday at the latest I hope to give you the final figure.

There is reason to believe that the Quelea will be breeding in Somalia at the beginning of the year, and John Williams hopes it will be possible to have transport then again by the Quelea Research Organisation to do Somalia and possibly Somaliland Protectorate then. But I don't know that I can go on such a long trip so soon again, especially as there is a prospect of our doing that area in a year or two.

I enclose a few photographs for you, and some of Alocs which I took but would like your number of: The particulars are at the back of the prints.

I imagine that you are overwhelmed with work, and so am I, and I shall be for quite a number of weeks to come. The days seem too short to get through with all one wants to do.

Edward has got the sack, after I discovered that he lost about 10% of my pressed specimens through carelessness, among them all the specimens of your beautiful blue Echinops from near Agremariam. I am very fed-up with this, as you may well imagine. It is the last time that I shall attempt to trail an "educated African".

I hope that all is well with you at home and, together with my wife, I send you my kindest wishes,

Yours

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29th October, 1953

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KENYA.

My dear Peter,

Very many thanks for your letter dated 19th. instant from Mombasa. I am so glad to hear that you found your wife and baby as well as could be. It is such a great joy to get home again to one's loved ones no matter how thrilling the experiences in the veld might have been.

Re accounts: A tremendous amount of detail is not necessary. As long as I have a broad outline as to how money was expended, will suffice for my Council down here. No doubt I will be receiving details any day now and, as I said previously, I must submit receipts by the middle of November. I have worked day and night getting notes knocked into shape and typed and I will send you everything as soon as they are ready. — *Some herewith*

I have almost completed a full description of my new species A. caldophila, the one with deeply channelled recurved leaves between Moyale and Mega. The other on Mega Mountain and at Yavello I am calling A. pavellana because it can be more easily seen there while the places on Mega Mountain would be very difficult for strangers to find on foot. *ant*

Yes, I think we can both be extremely satisfied with the results obtained and I am not at all disappointed that we had to miss out Somaliland Protectorate. I feel

/that.....

that with some luck we could fly to Hargeisa the end of August or very early in September, 1955, and then spend a month or ~~two~~ doing that job thoroughly.

Re the travel book, it is my firm intention to do one founded on this present trip just completed plus my Congo one next year, and I feel I can make a success of it and perhaps raise some money towards helping to pay Aloe Exploration Trips in Africa.

With all good wishes,

Yours ever,

W. Herbert

P.S. Please give the enclosed photograph to Audley and tell him that as soon as I can possibly have the other prints prepared, he will get some.

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My dear Peter

Herewith post prints of our repetitions -
which speak for themselves.

I wonder whether you would care to show
these notes to Greenway in case he might
like to take a few notes for his own book?

Yours
Gilbert R.

Will try to follow when ready - In yours
as hard as I can!

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26th. October, 1953.

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My dear Peter,

I suppose by now that Mrs. Bally and the big boy are back home again and I hope all is as well as could be with them.

If it is not already on its way to me, do please let me know how much my share comes to so that I can remit at once. I have to submit my report with receipts during the first half of November and I naturally want to square up as soon as I can. In the meantime I am sending you on account:

Traveller's Cheque value	£10. 0. 0.
East African Notes	<u>20.10. 0.</u>
	<u>£30.10. 0.</u>

To save time, when advising the amount I owe you please send me an official receipt typed on Coryndon Museum note paper so that I can hand it in when accounting for expenses. Please excuse more now since, as can be expected, I am absolutely overwhelmed with back correspondence to be pulled up.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

G. W. Reynolds

800 -

Sandibay Hotel
Ukunda, Monday
19th Oct.

My dear Gilbert,
I expect that you are happily united with your family again and I hope that you met them all in good health, and that your business has not suffered overmuch from your prolonged absence! As for myself, I arrived down here yesterday, to join my wife and baby for a few days before we go up together in the small car to settle down to normal life again.

Audley is still in Nairobi, staying in my house and looking after Mrs. O'Sullivan, and he was still struggling with the accounts when I left him. I understand that you have to submit them to the donors of your grant in considerable detail, and he is doing them very thoroughly therefore. He hopes to have them done by the 21st, and he will start on his Ancestral report immediately afterwards. When we are back in Nairobi around the 25th I shall write you and let you have the account copied and typed by Miss Judge.

The days down here and away from the Museum give me time to go through my notes on plant material collected, and I find that I can be quite satisfied with my results. Although the day-to-day collecting did not appear to amount to much, the sum-total is quite impressive, and I have cleared up several doubtful species of *Euphorbia*!

As for your own work, I am very glad that you

were able to clear up all the Somalie species as well as 10 records some new ones too! So, in spite of the unfortunate loss of three weeks in the beginning and the consequent curtailing of our programme, we both have no reason to complain, as far as botanical results are concerned, quite apart from the many other aspects of the trip, such as seeing new countries, places, and people.

I hope that you will not go back on your intention of writing a travel book. I have a feeling that it will be very successful.

My family are very well, and most agree with them; they are very happy on the coast, while my own stay is marred by an inflamed tooth, and I have to go to Mombasa daily for treatment, trying to save it. I envy you for being above such troubles!

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Well! you will hear from me soon after my return to Nairobi, in the meantime I want to assure you that I look back on our trip with great pleasure and satisfaction, an experience I shall treasure for ever.

With all my best wishes and with the hope of future hunting together

Yours ever
P. H.

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3rd August, 1953

Mr P.R.O. Bally,
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Kenya.

My dear Peter,

Many thanks for your letter of 29th of July and for the photographs of Aloe lateritia from Debaga, and of A. maketiensis which I am glad to have to add to my own photos of these species.

I note you have a copy of Hutchinson's "The Story of Plants". I found it most interesting and instructive. I am also glad to hear that my list of type localities and other various notes reached you and might be useful.

The species A. defalcata Chiov. has given me a lot of trouble. I am sending you a copy of a letter to Milne-Redhead from Pichi-Sennelli which speaks for itself. Apparently it is the same thing as A. stefanini near Hemin-Gurei which is south of Bardera and east of Anole. We will be doubtless be going there and I hope we can solve the problem. One thing I do feel is that we will find that at least some of the species will have to go into synonymy.

I note that Mr Money-Kyrle will be coming with us but it is sad if he can not contribute financially. I do hope you will be able to get the landrover from the Quelca-Research since it will add to our expenses rather a lot if you would have to hire a vehicle, but I believe it is compulsory for two cars to go together.

I had my second cholera injection to-day and have had no ill after-effects except the arm feeling a bit heavy. Re my pistol, details are as under:

Astra Automatic Pistol, ^{one} .25 No. 700107;
Licence No. 559123 dated Johannesburg 9/6/1953;
Temporary Export Permit No. 19410 dated Johannesburg
9/6/53.

I will be glad if you will send these particulars to whatever officials may require them and I imagine I will need a permit of some sort for Kenya Colony. If you could conveniently and without very much trouble get this permit for me I will be grateful.

Time is flying all too fast and I realise that there is now only a couple of days over a fortnight before I leave on Wednesday 19th. No more now.

Yours ever,

Willst.

ENCL.

Sam as fully "organised"
as I can possibly be, with
maps, notes, descriptions, localities
photos of type sheets etc

Do there anything you would like me
to bring up with me that
you might need & cannot
obtain in Nairobi?

Have you had your petrol-pipe fixed up to prevent stopping
when heated-up? I imagine you have already provided for
a spare fan-belt (most important!!) spare tube, puncture repair outfit
and large tyre-levers.

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Copy of letter from Prof. Pichi-Sermolli, Florence
to Mr Milne-Redhead

1st August, 1953

X Re type loc of A. defalcata Chiov. X
"Uar Seek - Oltregiuba"

Dear Mr Milne-Redhead,

I have received your letter of the 15th of July, and I am sending you soon my reply. Unfortunately it is not satisfactory.

The type of Aloe defalcata Chiov. is not present in our Herbarium and I think that the description of this species was based on living plants sent by R. Guidotti to Chiovena. In that time Chiovena was Professor of Botany at the University of Modena, and perhaps there this Aloe is still in life. I have written to the present Professor of Botany in Modena for information. As soon as I have a reply, I shall write to you.

I was not able to locate Uar Seek on the map, in "Oltregiuba". The only locality with this name known to me is Uarscek about 65 Km. at north-east of Mogadiscio near the coast. I am inclined to believe that Chiovena's indication "Oltregiuba" is a mistake for "Cisgiuba". However this is only an idea of mine, and the only way to have a reply to this problem is to write to Dr Guidotti, who now is in Tripoli. I have written to-day to him about this question. At any rate this reply cannot be in my hand before 2 weeks at least.

In a manuscript of Chiovena kept in our Herbarium, Chiovena has written that Aloe defalcata is "certainly identical with Aloe Stefanini Chiov. Risult. Sci. Mis. Stefanini-Paoli. Coll. Bot. 171. 1916, which was collected near Hemin-Gurei between Matagoi (2°N, 43°10'E) and Bur Meldac (1°50'N, 43°E). A photograph of Aloe defalcata in cultivation is added to the manuscript of Chiovena, with this indication "Aloe defalcata Chiov., Modena 11.XII.1934, Orto Botanico." This photograph was made in 1934, and I am not sure that it is the type, but I have ordered a reproduction of it for you. As soon as it is ready I shall send you it.

Yours sincerely,

(Rodolfo E.G. Pichi-Sermolli)

Copy for Peter Ball

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28/7/53 195

My dear Peter

Just a short note to send a sample
page which I have had printed mounted
between strong board covers for use in
the field. One can't always think of
all the various headings when working
quickly, & a book of these sheets reminds
one on the spot, & saves regrets
afterwards.

Yours

G. W. Reynolds

P.S. Please tell me. Have you got a copy
of Hutchinsons "The Story of Plants"?

Only 3 weeks left now!

Bot.216/SA/53

14-8-1953

Dear Gilbert,

This will be my last letter to you before I shall meet you at the airport on Wednesday next. It will be short too, for we are in the throes of the final preparations, such as buying provisions, getting passports for three Africans, the latter being a real headache, because, with the Emergency the formalities to go through are endless. If I had not Money-Kyerle to lend me a hand, I would almost give up! The difficulty is that the driver for the landrover is still in Nakuru, and we won't get him here before Monday. At the Museum, my bot. work is completely disorganised by the painters who have chosen this very moment to redecorate my office and Herbarium, and everything has constantly to be shifted, so that I cannot put my hands on anything I want without a search for it.

At home there are similar difficulties: My wife became seriously ill, and until yesterday we did not know what was the matter with her. It seemed to be a general exhaustion which reached a peak when her eyesight began to suffer, so that she, who has had very good eyesight until now, had to get glasses in a hurry.

With the emergency I cannot dream of letting her stay on at the house alone and had arranged for her to stay at the coast, but now we don't know if she could travel there. As we had to find tenants for the house and cannot leave them without a decision, you may imagine that I am in a bit of a stew.

I am looking forward to the moment when our Expeditions sets out of Nairobi on the 21st of August.

In view of these difficulties at home, I did actually book a comfortable room for you at the Mayfair Hotel, with bathroom, otherwise I would have been delighted to put you up in our house.

I too wrote to Peck and to Sir Gerald Reede in Somaliland without having a reply from either of them, and so I must assume that both are away which is a great pity.

As you arrive in N'bi on the 19th in the evening, it will not be possible for us to leave on the 20th in the morning. You will have to book your return passage, and I am sure there are other things to do, among others you want to look at various Aloe-specimens at the Museum and the EA Herb, such as their Leptaloe graminifolia.

Our visas from Ethiopia have not yet arrived, and I caused the Ethiopian Airlines to telegraph reply-paid to Addis about them.

Well, all these worries should be paid back richly by the results we shall bring back from this trip, you in Aloes, I in succulent Euphorbiae and Stapeliae, brush fibres, and essential oil plants. We are sure to discover many new species!

I am looking forward to it as much as you are!

With all good wishes and Au revoir next week

Yours ever

11-8-1922

Bot. 212/82/2

Dear Herbert,

This will be my last letter to you before I sail west you at the airport on Wednesday next. It will be short too, for we are in the throes of the final preparations, such as buying provisions, getting passports for the Alaskan, the latter being a real headache, because, with the Emergency the formalities to go through are endless. If I had not Money-Kyrle to lend me a hand, I would almost give up! The difficulty is that the driver for the handover is still in Nakuru, and we won't get him here before Monday. At the Museum, my bot work is completely discontinued by the painters, who have chosen this very moment to redecorate my office and laboratory, and everything has constantly to be shifted, so that I cannot put my hands on anything I want without a search for it.

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I am looking forward to the moment when our expeditions sets out of Nairobi on the 21st of August. I am delighted to put you up in our house. room for you at the Nanyuki Hotel, with bathroom, otherwise I would have been delighted to put you up in our house.

I too wrote to Jack and to Sir Gerald Keble in Zanzibar without having a reply from either of them, and so I must assume that both are away which is a great pity.

As you arrive in K'isi on the 19th in the evening, it will not be possible for us to leave on the 20th in the morning. You will have to book your return passage, and I am sure there are other things to do, more than you want to look at various Alce-specimens at the Museum and the RA Herbarium, as their presence is essential.

Our views from Ethiopia have not yet arrived, and I caused the Bishop and Athletes to telegraph reply-paid to Addis about them.

All these worries should be paid back to you by the results we shall bring back from this trip, you in Alce, I in succulent Euphorbia and Strobilium, bunch fibres, and essential oil plants. We are sure to discover many new species!

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Sat. 8th August, 1953

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My dear Peter,

Tomorrow is Sunday - I leave on my usual trip to East Transvaal and will be home again on Saturday 15th inst. On Monday I must try and get office affairs cleared up and on Tuesday I will have to get all my packing etc. done and then of course Wednesday morning I leave here at 9 a.m. "our time" and will arrive in Nairobi about 6 p.m. "your time." So I have mighty little time left now.

However I have every single thing prepared what I can think of, and I am as fully organised as I possibly could be with maps, localities, descriptions, photographs etc. for our trip. I am most keenly looking forward to doing some really valuable work on this trip, and it will be just lovely to share another safari with you.

By the way I cannot book my return seat here since from 1st October the new tourist service will be operating and I am told I must try and make arrangements at the Air Terminal in Nairobi. So that is one thing I must do on Thursday morning 20th instant.

Whether we will leave on the Thursday morning or the morning after is of course for you to decide, and I imagine you will want to run straight through to Isiolo that day.

I doubt very much whether I will be able to write again before I leave, so, here's looking forward with great joy to seeing you again on Wednesday 19th at about 6 p.m.

With all good wishes,

Yours ever,

G. Reynolds

I sent an Aloe book to Sir Ronald Pease
4 weeks ago & have had no reply
- he must be away from Harare

You always think of every thing! So I can agree
You have now had 19th? at least you got in
D.O.C.

Bet.187(SA/53

29-7-1953

My Dear Gilbert,

Many thanks for sending me the miscellaneous notes on various points of interest, on the 3rd inst. they were most welcome. In your note accompanying them you ask me if I have Hutchinsen's "The Story of Plants". Yes, I have it and find it most readable and instructive.

The list of type localities which you sent me is most useful, I work them in on the route, together with those I want to visit, which will simplify working out our itinerary.

Whether we shall travel to Bardera via Wajir or Mandera I do not yet know, it will depend on what we hear of the state and security in the Neghelli-District from the British Consul in Moga.

I believe I told you in an earlier letter that the four parcels with presses did arrive. I am having a luggage rack fitted on the roof of the Renault to take the filled presses. Exposed to sun and wind all day, the specimens will dry quickly.

Yours of the 23rd: I have found a young farmer-naturalist, with safari experience (he travelled through the Sahara with St. Barbe-Baker) 27 years old, who will come with us, but he brings no funds. However, we don't pay him a salary. His name is Money-Kyrle, British.

Today I saw Col. Durlle on his way through Nairobi back to Addis, and he promised to fix Money-Kyrle's passport at once.

He assured me that we shall need a second car, and I am still hoping to get a Landrover with trailer from the Quelea-Research free, but shall know for certain only after William's return from a 10 days' safari, some time next week. If the Quelea Research fail, it will mean that we hire a vehicle.

William's Aloe lateritia forma from Dabaga has flowered, and I have good specimens of it, pressed, as well as a photograph of which I enclose a copy.

His Aloe eketiensis has also flowered with Greenway, and I enclose a photograph. I have a pressed specimen and some seeds as well.

My first cholera injection gave me rheumatic pains in the arm which are persisting after 3 weeks, the second gave no trouble. I hope that yours will not be attended by such symptoms.

No, I do not want to go to El Carre specifically, especially as it is far out of our other routes, and I expect that we get similar vegetation all around on similar hills.

I should take the .25 pistol which fits into a hip pocket easily. Please let me have the particulars, such as registration number, license number, etc.

I have to send it in to Addis Abeba. I do not know the make "Astra".

Well, this is about all for today, and I call off in order to get on with other pressing work.

All the best, in haste,

Yours ever

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27th July, 1953

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My dear Peter,

Just a short note to tell you that El Carre is to be found on Sheet NB 38 Belet Ugn, approximately 130 miles due north of Dolo, ca. $42^{\circ}7'E$, $5^{\circ}50'N$. It seems to be about 165 miles WSW of Gabredarre, and I can find no roads to this place shown on the above mentioned maps. I don't know whether you have it in view to get there for any special purpose of your own, but I personally am not bargaining on going there unless you specially wish to go there yourself.

Have you found anyone suitable to replace John Williams yet?

By the way I can bring either a .25 or a .32 Astra pistol with me. The former fits into a hippocket comfortably whereas the latter ~~is~~ rather clumsy but ~~is~~ more convenient if one got into real trouble. Which do you suggest I should bring?

Cheerio for now,

Yours ever,

Siebert

efficient

*Had my first Cholera injection today;
- second one due a week hence.*

Time is flying!!

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23rd July, 1953

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My dear Peter,

I have just returned from a country trip and have received your letter of 9th instant.

I am indeed sorry to hear that John Williams has dropped out of the picture and I am wondering what has caused this change of plans. It would have been grand had he been able to come with the extra boy, cookboy etc. I note that you are trying to replace with someone from the Desert Locust Survey and I do hope you will succeed. In view of the country we will travel through, a second car would be very advisable. If it cannot be done then I am quite sure we will manage by ourselves, although I had an idea that not less than two cars ~~to go~~ would be allowed in some areas. However you know all the circumstances which I do not.

I think I told you that Greenway had written to me about sinking a. graminifolia under a. myriacantha. I want to see his material when I am in Nairobi. By the way I previously told you that the plant collected by Williams near Debaga was in the section saponariae; it is not Aloe saponaria but a form of a. lateritia.

This coming week I will have my cholera injections done.

Time is passing very quickly and in less than four weeks from now I will be in Nairobi again. I am really looking to being able to accomplish something worthwhile in the Aloe line this trip. I am indeed grateful for the opportunity of being able to share the safari with you.

No more for now.

Yours ever,
G. W. Reynolds

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10th July, 1953

Mr P.R.O. Bally,
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My dear Peter,

I would like to send you the enclosed list of type localities arranged more or less in the sequence of our travels. These represent all of the type localities which have ever been recorded from the area we will traverse. I will be bringing maps with me and I have marked on the maps all of the various localities for quick reference in the field.

I don't know whether you propose travelling to Mandera via Neghelli and Dobo or whether you will take the NFD road via Wajir. Since you mentioned you wanted to visit Mandera I have included the localities of *A. leucantha* in case we could perhaps slip up there and look through it. I will be bringing with me all of the descriptions and also photographs of all of the types.

I am glad that Bardera is an important locality for you since it is a really important locality for me too.

About ten days ago Dr Dyer posted three or four parcels to the Museum containing my press and drying papers. Perhaps you could please let me know when they arrive.

I am informed locally that planes from Aden and Somaliland to Nairobi fly only once a week on Wednesdays. This will probably make it impossible for me to reach Nairobi in time to catch the plane home on Tuesday 6th October and it may be that I will have to catch the plane to Nairobi on Wednesday 7th October and then catch the Johannesburg plane on Friday 11th October. Anyhow we will see how things pan out.

*Must go on my country business rounds on Monday 12 October so
it cuts it pretty fine!*

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Time is certainly flying and it is now only five
and a half weeks before I leave. Nothing more for the moment.

Yours ever,

Silbert

ENCL.

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My dear Peter,

I am wondering whether anything in the notes herewith would be of any interest to you?

I have been "reading up" the parts we will soon be mailing & have jotted down sundry items as I ran across them. Notes are mostly from Gregory's Rife Hall's Geology, Faversham book & E.D. Year book, also Scott's book.

These notes are merely jotted down at random as you will see & if they are of any use you're welcome to them!

Will send you a copy of Wild Life Magazine didn't I?

Cheerio for now

Love

Gilbert

Please tell me: Have you got a

copy of Hutchinson's "The Story of Plants"?

9-7-1953

Bot.157/SA/53

My dear Gilbert,

Many thanks for your letters of 24th, 26th and 30th which I will answer in condensed fashion, for lack of more time.

John Williams dropped out of the picture, much to my annoyance, for he would have been a good safari companion, besides having provided a free truck or landrover, and on a long journey like this, three is better than two.

I wrote to T.H.E. Jackson, who would have loved to come, but he has been called up as an Emergency-Magistrate to deal with Mau Mau-cases, and cannot be released.

He writes about El Carre: "a well-known station in the Ogaden, near the Ethiopian border (sens. strict.), about due West from Gabredarre - it is an isolated hill and an interesting place." I still cannot find it on the map; it should be on the sheet "Belet Uen"?

To replace Williams, I asked the Desert Locust Survey if they would like to give us one of their young men whom they want to teach botanical collecting, and they say they will think it over. They even might help us with transport which would cut down our expenses tremendously. I hope they make up their minds soon, for it takes time to get the necessary visas.

My cholera injection bothered me for a day, but only locally, in my arm. I note that you booked your seat for Aug. 19th and shall have everything ready for that day.

Curre Liba is in the Algehe Distr. - in the direction of Filtu. There seems to be a road to it due East from Yavello. It is near the Dawa Parma Riv. I commiserate with you for having a bad tyrist, for I have a bad and slow one too, and I can't get rid of him (myself).

Many thanks for the separata of the two last Aloe-papers. They look very good to me. Greenway wants to write to you about not having sunk A. gra inifolia into A. myriacantha. The EAAFRO-Herbarium have the type here, but when you looked at their sheets, they had it still under "Leptaloe". I have now examined it, and it looks no different from those around Nairobi. Do you remember when we stopped between Arasha and Moshi trying to find it?

T.H.E. Jackson is a very keen naturalist, he collected a lot (Insects butterflies and succubents) while in the Administration in Somalia. If you find no other name, you have every reason to name it after him. But what about calling it A. subulifolia?

Thank you so much for sending me your numbers for Williams' Aloes collected recently in S.E. Sudan, Uganda and Kenya, as well as the one from Mulu.

From Algehe we shall probably return to Yavello, so as far as Curre Liba and return to Mega, for I believe it is not possible now to continue to Neghelli, but as there is no possibility of getting accurate information beforehand, this will have to be left open until we are on the spot.

Parcels containing your presses have arrived here, and I keep them at the Museum pending your arrival.

How lucky to have got the true Aloe schweinfurthii at last. It will be most interesting to see how it fits into the scheme.

Many thanks for the notes on S. defalcata. I cannot find an Uar So in Transjuba either, nor do I know if Guidotti travelled there. Have you written to Dr. Picchi-Sermolli in Florence? Perhaps he might help.

Thank you for your remarks and numbers concerning Williams' later Aloe-consignment.

You consider his earlier plant from S-Tanganyika from the Chimbal River to be A. saponaria. Greenway thinks that it differs much from the A. saponaria he had growing in Amani, and which I did not see in flower. I have now excellent dried specimens of Williams' plant in our collection.

Time passes uncomfortably quickly, there remains very much to do before we can set out on our trip, but our visas for Ethiopia have just arrived including one for Williams.

The post boy is waiting, and I call off therefore.

All the best, Yours ever

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Kenya.

My dear Peter,

Many thanks for your letter of 25th inst., and for so kindly sending me the copy of the letter from the British Embassy to the Ethiopian authorities, which I am very glad indeed to see, and which I am returning right away after having taken a copy of it.

It seems that after we have been to Alge, your route will be eastwards via or near Neghelli to Mandra, this is evidently not far off the route which Reva and Ruspoli took in 1893. (Or do we return to Mege + go via Wajir to Mandera?)

Regarding your Herb. sheets I think it would be ^{risky} rather to send them down here, and while I very much appreciate your thoughtfulness in suggesting it, I think it would be safer if I went through them up there. Many thanks for the thought.

Also many thanks for sending on the Aloes collected by Mr Williams which I am keenly looking forward to receiving. The one from the South East Sudan will be interesting for comparison with about half a dozen others I have from further west in the Equatorial Province. The one from Amudat will be interesting too since Mrs Tweedie has sent me several from that region. A. erensii comes from near Lokitaung and I am hoping your plant may turn out to be it.

This reminds/

I have now received the parcel. The Lokitaung Aloe with almost triangular leaves looks exceedingly like A. erensii, & I am most glad to have it. Do not think it can be anything else but A. erensii

300 miles west of Juba

- 2 -

This reminds me that a Mr Anthony of the Yambio Experimental Farm has ~~yet~~ advised me that he has sent a parcel containing the long sought-for A. schweinfurthii from the actual Hill which Schweinfurth mentioned in his book where he collected the species bearing his ~~name~~ ^{name} namely Mt. Bangenzi. I am keenly looking forward to these coming down, and it will be a grand thing if this long lost species can be properly described and figured!

I am sending herewith a note on A. defalcata Chlov., which might perhaps be of some interest to you.

Finally I hope within a few days to send a copy of the last number of African Wild Life Magazine just issued, containing an article of mine dealing with my trip to Nyasaland last year.

That is all for now.

Cheerio,
As ever,

Sillit.

ENCL.

- ① See your hand of freight on parcel just received so I am sending this amount immediately.
Many thanks.
- ② I will send you my numbers for your album just received, shortly, - after entering them in my register at home.
- ③ African Wild Life Magazine: my copies just received so I have posted one to you. My article is on p. 102, you'll be interested in the articles on p. 146 of 154 too! You will notice my change of style in this article.

Re A. defalcata Chiov.

A photograph of the type specimen, sent to me by Mr Milne-Redhead, was sent from the Botanical Institute of Palermo University, Italy, by the Director, Prof. Francesco Bruno, who, in a letter dated 7.12.51 stated:-

"We are not able to satisfy your request for particulars concerning Aloe defalcata Chiov., and there is no specimen in our Botanical Gardens."

Mr Milne-Redhead writes:- "Can it be that Aloe defalcata Chiov. was described from a specimen in cultivation, or at least was brought back alive and the living plant was later photographed at Palermo?"

Type locality is "Somaliland, beyond the Juba, near Uar Soek. Guidotti n.64, June 1931."

Where is Uar Soek? I can find no such place-name in Trans Juba, but there is a Uar Sciek up the coast north-east of Mogadiscio. Did Guidotti travel in that part of Somalia?

Note:- The photograph is of a plant with a stem of about 80cm., densely bearded with the remains of old dry leaves, and a dense rosette of leaves which are deeply channelled and much recurved. There is no inflorescence. This plant closely resembles plants of Arabalsis which I have seen near Rabai, north-westwards from Mombasa, and near Witu, beyond the Tana River.

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Sillit tells me he cannot find a Uar Soek anywhere in Trans Juba on any map or reference at Kew, & suggests that the Uar Sciek up the coast from Mogadiscio might be the place, though I doubt it since "Oltre Guiba" is so clearly stated as type loc.

BRITISH EMBASSY,
(Consular Section),
ADDIS ABABA.

No.C.28-(624/162-11/53)

9th June, 1953.

Her Britannic Majesty's Embassy (Consular Section) present their compliments to The Imperial Ethiopian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and have the honour to inform the Ministry that a letter has been received from the Government of Kenya asking if permission may be granted to a botanical and ornithological expedition from the Coryndon Museum, Nairobi, to pay three short visits to Ethiopia for three months round August and September this year.

The party propose to visit Moyale, Mega, Yavello, Burgi, Aghremariam and thence towards Neghelli to the Gurra Liban plains, returning to Kenya. Later the party will visit Somalia and wish to re-enter Ethiopia at Ferfer and proceed via the Ogaden to Hargeisa. After a short visit to British Somaliland, they wish to enter Ethiopia via Jijiga and proceed to Harar visiting Mount Hakim and other regions of the Province of Harar, thence proceeding to Dire Dawa and Hawash and returning to Hargeisa.

The members of the party will be Mr.P.R.O.Bally, a Swiss National, Botanist at the Coryndon Museum, Nairobi. Dr. G.W. Reynolds, a South African Citizen, an authority on aloes and similar plants, who is preparing a book on the subject. Mr. J.G. Williams, a British subject who is the ornithologist at the Coryndon Museum and who wishes to collect specimens of birds on behalf of the Museum and naturally will require permission to shoot birds for this purpose and to take photographs.

The party will be accompanied by four East Africans; a skinner for the birds, a cook, a boy and a driver. They will have travel documents. They will have a three ton lorry and a Landrover or light pick up.

Her Majesty's Embassy would be grateful if the Ministry could see their way to grant the necessary entry permits and, should they do so, it would be of great assistance if the Provincial Authorities at Mega, Yavello, Irge Alem, Neghelli and Harar could be informed.

The party will naturally require permission at a later stage to export these botanical and ornithological specimens from Ethiopia.

Her Britannic Majesty's Embassy avail themselves of this opportunity to renew to the Imperial Ethiopian Ministry of Foreign Affairs the assurance of their high consideration.

Signed: ALEX T. CURLE

The Imperial Ethiopian Ministry
of Foreign Affairs,
ADDIS ABABA.

Edward
Abdullah

E. Himmay

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PHONE 22-2653

26th June, 1953

Mr P.R.O. Bally,
Coryndon Museum,
Box 658,
Nairobi,
Kenya.

my Dear ^{Peter} Mr Bally, (New list!) ^{Samy}

I have at last received the separates of my last two papers and am enclosing two of each for you. The printing and reproduction of the blocks have come out very well.

Regarding that charming little Aloe from El Carre I doubt very much whether we will get anywhere near that locality and I am wondering whether I should go ahead and describe it now. What do you think? There is no doubt what ever about this being a new species and I cannot for the life of me think of a suitable name for it. I don't know the collector Mr Jackson nor am I acquainted with his work; if he is a botanist the species could be perhaps be named after him, but as a general principle I don't like using personal names unless the person concerning well merits it.

Have you ^{any} bright ideas?

Cheerio for now,

Yours ever,

Bell

ENCL. *Aloe torosoma* is still awaiting publication in Fl. Plants Afr. but when that will appear I don't know. Please takes ages to print anything, & I do not like it since I can't handle things as I would like to.

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PHONE 22-2653

24th June, 1953

Mr P.R.O. Bally,
Coryndon Museum,
Box 658,
Nairobi,
Kenya.

My dear Peter,

Many thanks for your letter, dated 17th June just received. I am sorry to hear you have^{had} the trouble with the passport photographs for Mr Williams, but am glad that at least the applications for a visa for Ethiopia have at last gone away. I hope you will receive the visas without too much delay now.

Thank you very much indeed for reminding me that I must have a cholera certificate. I simply never knew one was necessary^{had} for Ethiopia, and without your warning, I ^{would} will certainly arrive without one.

I am glad to hear that the Aloes I sent you from the Congo Belge have arrive safely. I am also glad to hear that the various photographs and notes sent have reached you. Regarding Beck's Aloe, it would be much wiser to wait until after our trip before deciding to do anything about it, ^{Jagoe}.

I ^{note} hope that my arrival on the 19th of August will suit you, and within a week or so now I will go down to the airways and book my seat.

Regarding a visit to Sir Evelyn Baring, it is not a matter of compulsion for me to see him, but I would like to present my compliments in person if there is a convenient opportunity of doing so. I will not write to him, and if you can fix a short interview I will be glad, ^{provided it does not hold us up.}

Thank you for details/

X
Seat has
been booked
for 19 Aug -
so that is
settled.

Thank you for details as to the itinerary of our trip. I am not quite sure what road you propose taking from Mega to Mandera, unless it is via Wajir. I note that Bardera is an important locality for you too. From my own Aloo point of view it is the most important part of me of our whole trip. I really am most hopeful that you will be successful in obtaining the items you need at the localities you have mentioned.

Another species of Aloo which Mrs Tweedie sent me, which she originally collected on rocks at Bukoba, has flowered with me and is a most distinctive species with a very slender peduncle and oblique raceme, with the flowers hanging over sideways on each side of the axis. In view of the fact that I have every hope of visiting Bukoba in July of next year I will wait until I can visit the place and see what occurs wild for myself.

One or two Aloos previously sent to me by Dr Eggeling, which he collected a little north of Biharumulu, are coming into flower now and two of them appear to be quite distinct to me. There are 5 or 6 Aloos recorded from Tanganyika in the early days which I have not sorted out, and I always have them in mind when anything flowers from Tanganyika.

Well old man, that is all for now. I hope you and Mrs Bally not forgetting Peter Alexander are all as fit and as well as can be.

With all good wishes,

Yours ever,

Siebert

I cannot find Cuspe Liba
on my 1:100,000 map of S. Ethiopia -
presumably in the Aloo (Aghose) area?

This typing is shocking, but no time to do it over again. Afrikaans girls are dead, but English good typists won't work for less than £50 per month which I simply cannot afford

I am busier than ever, now I have not involved in a fight between the Game Parks Committee and the Public Works Department concerning the possible designation of the famous Hippo Pool at Matar Springs in the Tavvo Park, where I have to function as a botanical expert. It is quite interesting, but I seem unable to get down to the work I really want to do.

In my garden, the Malindi-look-alike wanted to flower, but before they came to my thinking they arrived up again. Now A. jacksonii comes out, and A. kirkii, and A. beccarii has opened yesterday.

Bot. 133/SA/53 17-6-53

My dear Gilbert, This is all the news from the A. jacksonii. I shall be glad to hear from you when you are in our country.

At long last the applications for a visa for Ethiopia for the three of us have gone away. There was much delay caused by Williams being away on safari and his wife was unable to obtain a passport photograph for his application, let alone three as required. Eventually it was possible to make some from his passport which, fortunately, he had not taken with him, by photographing it.

In the way of health certificates for Ethiopia you will want one for smallpox, yellow fever and cholera. These requirements are strictly enforced by the Ethiopian Government, and those who do not comply with them are deported at their own expense by the next possible plane.

Many thanks for sending me the Aloes from the Congo Belge which I have planted in my garden. They seem to have established themselves well. (3rd June)

Further, I thank you for sending me photographs of your No 6000 showing development of inflorescence, and of your 6339 from Sheik Pass.

I am pleased to hear that it is definitely a new species.

Concerning Peck's Aloe, I have decided to wait before publishing it, until after our trip to Somaliland, because Peck does not recall the locality, and I would not much like to publish my first plant with Prof. Compton with an important particular like the type locality missing.

Your letter of 12th June: It is good news to hear that you will arrive in Nairobi on the 19th., and I shall try to have everything ready for us to leave on the 20th. By the way, with the emergency conditions it is not yet certain that Sir Evelyn Baring will be in Mombasa then, and he expresses his wish to meet you. If you like, I shall try to arrange it for the 19th in the evening? But H.E. is very fully occupied and so this is not altogether certain, especially as he is touring the country as much as he can.

But leave it all to me, and do not write to him direct again, I shall explain this when you are here.

As to the route, we shall do it slightly different from what you suggest in your letter of June 12th, but not leave out any of the places you mention therein. Thus: Nairobi, Marsabit, Mega-Alge-Curre Liba-Mega-Mandera-Bardera-Kismayu-Mogadiscio-Obbia-Mogadiscio-Afgoi-Belet Uen-Milmil-Hargeisa etc. From Brit. Somaliland to Harar and further if possible.

The Kismayu-District is most important to me, for I must find there the type locality for Sansevieria stuckyi for which I am getting a contribution of £50/- by the British Brush fibre manufacturers association towards the trip.

Bardera is also very important for me, on account of a Monadenium and an interesting Ceropegia.

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I am busier than ever, now I have got involved in a fight between the Game Parks Committee and the Public Works Department concerning the possible desecration of the famous Hippo Pool at Mzima Springs in the Tsavo Park, where I have to function as a botanical expert.

It is quite interesting, but I seem unable to get down to the work I really want, i.e. systematic Botany!

In my garden, the Maboloni-rock-Aloe wanted to flower, but before they came to anything, they shrivelled up again.

Now A. jex-blakae-ruspoliana comes out, and A. kilifiensis, and A. peckii has opened yesterday.

This is all the news from the Alps-front, and I too find that time flies all too quickly. I shall be glad when we sit in our vehicles en route for Megal!

All the best, Yours ever
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Many thanks for sending me the Aloes from the Congo hills which I have planted in my garden. They seem to have established themselves well. (3rd June)

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From Brit Somaliland to Harar and further it possible.

The Kisumu-District is most important to me, for I must find there the type locality for Garrywinia atukkyi for which I am getting a contribution of £50/- by the British Brush Fibre Manufacturers Association towards the trip.

Barbara is also very important for me, on account of a Mousganium and an interesting Ceropegia.

Box 2097
Johannesburg
12 June 53

My dear Peter

Will it suit you if I leave here
on Wednesday 19th August to arrive at
Nairobi that afternoon?

I have nothing special to do in Nairobi this
time, so it would suit me if we left on
our safari the next day, for Moga etc.

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Then, my latest possible day to fly
home from Nairobi is Tuesday 6th
or Wednesday 7th October depending on what
day plane leaves NRB for Saffrica.

This gives me 7 weeks which I
hope will be sufficient for our first
trip, if not, then I could fly
from Margeisa to Nairobi as we
previously discussed.

I am very keenly looking forward to
this safari, so I am living in hopes
of being able to do something
really useful in the way of

writing type localities & clearing up
the identity of Riv's albes, &
those in Somalia.

Am I correct in assuming that our
route will be Haroshi - Marsabit - Meqa
- Alobe - Meqa - Moyale - Wajir -
Bardera - Magadiscio - down the
coast or back, thence Afgoi northwards
through the Ogaden to Hargeisa etc.

The only must in the Ogaden is
hill hill east of Dajabat, which is
type loc. of 2 species, as you know.

The neighbourhood of Bardera is very
important for a few type locs. too.

Hope the Ethiopian forms reached you
safely & were in order.

Time is flying, all too quickly!

Cheerio for now

Ever
Gilbert

My dear Peter

Nov 20 1947
Johannesburg
23/6/53

Just a few lines to send you
the enclosed photos + notes which
speak for themselves, may be
useful for your records.

I have just this very minute
received yours of 14th re our
route, colera artificial etc - will
reply in a day or so.

Cheers for now

In haste

Yrs ever

Sickert.

Bot.138/SA/53

25-6-1953

my dear Gilbert

Many thanks for sending me the excellent photographs in black-and white and in colour of the Aloe sp.nov.from Sheik Pass, and of the little El Carre plant. They are most useful complementary material to my pressed specimens. My El Carre Plant has almost died, I am now reviving it in my hothouse.

I have now quite a collection of Somaliland-and Abyssinian Herbarium sheets, mostly from plants in cultivation. Would it be of any help to you to have them previous to our trip so as to classify them from the information at your disposal or would it be more helpful to have them after the trip? If you like, I can send them to you.

You could look at them here after your arrival, but as you want to push off without any unnecessary delay, I would not suggest it.

Today I am sending you some more interesting plants collected by G.G. Williams on his trip through Uganda to the Sudan. They are labelled but not numbered. Please let me have your numbers afterwards.

They are:

- 1) S.E.Sudan, Kamathia, 2200'. Large, w. blue-green leaves and very bright, yellow flowers. Coll. J.G. Williams May 1953
4000'
- 2) Uganda, at Amudat in Karamoja, growing in sand (aff. lateritia)
- 3) Lokitaung, Kenya, N-Turkana, 2400' Coll. J.H. Padwa (Afr. collector)

4) Aloe sp. n. from Muha n' Addis Abeba, a sucker from my remaining plant. (I sent you a large one earlier, but it was one of the few which died on you) You should have all the information and data for it

I enclose copy of a letter sent by the Brit. Embassy to the Eth. Govt. referring to our safari for your reference, please return it after perusal. Having no typist, I have no time to copy it out myself.

Without more for today, I close with my best wishes,

Yours ever

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PHONE 22-2653

6th June, 1953

Mr P.R.O. Bally,
Coryndon Museum,
Box 658,
Nairobi,
Kenya.

My dear Peter,

Herewith some photographs of my ^{no. 6000} ~~6,000~~ originally sent to me by Delap showing the method of development of the inflorescence, which I thought you might like to have. Some notes are attached which might be useful; I am also sending notes and photographs of my 6339 which I got that day we were at the Park, and which you originally collected in 1944 at Sheik Pass.

Material has been prepared for KEW and Pretoria, there can be no doubt about this being a new species but would be wiser to see what we can see at Sheik Pass when we are there, before thinking of describing it.

By the way have you managed to get your A. peckii ready for publication yet?

As far as I am concerned I want to go as hard as I can and do all I can towards clearing up the Aloes of Africa, as you know.

No more for now.

Yours ever,

G. W. Reynolds
G. W. Reynolds
Wilbert

ENCL.

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3rd June, 195³

Mr P.R.O. Bally,
Coryndon Museum,
P.O. Box 658,
Nairobi,
Kenya.

My dear Peter,

Under separate cover, by registered letter rate, I have send you a parcel containing plants of Aloe species from the Bas Congo, between Leopoldville and Kimuenza. A consignment was send to ~~Me~~ by the director of the Botanical gardens at Leopoldville and the secretary of the Botanical society of the Congo in response to requests from me.

"Near KIMUENZA" is the type locality of *A. congolensis* Dr. Wild. et Th. Dur., and it may well be that the plants I receive and am sharing with you may well be this species.

I hope you safely receive the application forms for the permit to enter Ethiopia, and that they were in order.

No more for now.

Yours ever,

Gilbert

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PHONE 22-2653

25th May, 1953

Mr P.R.C. Bally,
Coryndon Museum,
P. O. Box 658,
NAIROBI,
Kenya.

My dear Peter,

Many thanks for your letter of 21st inst., and for all of your various remarks and comments, which I have carefully noted.

Thank you also for the application forms to enter Ethiopia, which I have completed as suggested, and which I return herewith to you immediately.

I am in a frightful jamb to get through piles of work, so do please excuse such a short note.

Yours ever,

Sellat

Cannot answer questions 13, 16, 17.

However, I shall write to Dr. Gillet's secretary asking him to send me a copy of the letter which he has written to you. I am sending you my best wishes from the family. Dr. Gillet's boy is now a baby and he walks about and keeps my wife busy running after him all day.

Bot.SA/109/53

21-5-1953

My dear Gilbert,

Your letter of Apr.30th. I was much pleased to hear that you received some Socotra Aloes from Popov direct, and I have divided those which I received with Greenway.

In Greenway's garden the specimen of Aloe mketiensis Christian which Williams collected in Tanganyika has flowered and I photographed it in black-and-white and in colour. It is a remarkable plant, very beautiful, and I do not think that the colour plate with Basil Christian's description does it justice. You will see for yourself later, when I send you prints and a transparency.

What you say about Aloe jex-blakeae and its possible synonymy with A. ruspoliana is sad, but does not really surprise me in view of its habitat in Kenya which is very much the country and vegetation one finds in Somalia. It co-exists with Adenium somalense, Euphorbia robecchii and many other plants previously described from Somaliland. Well, we shall see for ourselves.

The news about the Arabian Aloe (vera var. officinalis) is also interesting. Many thanks for the photographs.

Of Aloe 55 I have now made a colour drawing which pleases me even more than that of A. jucunda Reynolds. It fills the drawing sheet more harmoniously.

I am very curious to learn what the little Aloe from El Carre will be like, and I am much looking forward to receiving the Journ. of S.A. Botany containing descriptions of the new plants.

It is also most satisfactory that you will be able to obtain A. schweinfurthii from the type locality. If you have a spare plant, I would much appreciate one for cultivation.

Your letter of May 7th and of E.A. Airways of the 11th contains sad news.

This Aloe-consignment was indeed made under unlucky stars. I kept some of them as duplicates, but not all, and only the weakest. I will let you have them in time, but they are hardly established and I would like to see them more vigorous before sending them. . . . In my lunch hour I had a look at them and found that Gillett 14366 and 14415 are the only survivors and will stand the trip. So, if you wish me to send them, I shall do so.

The Secretariat of the Kenya Govt. replied to Dr. Leakey's request for sponsorship that the application should be made through the Ethiopian Airlines which, on enquiry, sent more forms to be filled in in triplicate. I enclose a set plus one copy of mine so as to guide you about what to fill in.

Under "length of stay" I put "2-3 months ~~xxxxxx~~ from Aug. 22nd 1953 ~~xxxxxx~~".

In your own case, you will certainly not stay longer than between Aug. 22nd and Oct. 8th, but it is just possible that Williams and I will stay longer. All the same, I should also fill in the same as I did.

Please return the forms as soon as you filled them in. I have left No 16 blank for the time being, for, when I rang up the Ethiopian Airlines' Offices, I was told I need not bother about filling it in.

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However, I shall write to Col. Curle again, sending him a copy of my filled-in form, asking him if we are sufficiently sponsored or supported by the E. Air-line's application, or if we still need the Kenya Government's sponsorship.

Without more for today, I am sending you my best wishes, also from the family. Our little boy is not a baby any more, but he walks about and keeps my wife busy running after him all day.

Kind regards, in haste,

Yours ever

2-2-1951

My dear Gilbert,

Your letter of April 30th. I was much pleased to hear that you received some Acacia from Popov in triplicate form in duplicate application. I have enclosed with Greenway. In Greenway's garden the Acacia is a black and white plant. It is a remarkable plant, very beautiful, and I do not think that the colour plate with Basil Christian's description does it justice. You will see for yourself later, when I send you prints and a transparency. What you say about Acacia tor plumosa and its possible synonymy with A. tor plumosa does not really surprise me in view of its habitat in Kenya which is very much the country and vegetation one finds in Somalia. It co-exists with Acacia tor plumosa and many other plants previously described from Somalia. Well, we shall see for ourselves. The news about the Arabian Acacia (very var. tor plumosa) is also interesting. Many thanks for the photographs.

Of Acacia tor plumosa I have now made a colour drawing which please me even more than that of A. tor plumosa. It fills the box and shows more harmoniously. I am very anxious to learn what the little Acacia from Mt Kenya will be like, and I am much looking forward to receiving the letters of S.A. Botany containing descriptions of the new plants. It is also most satisfactory that you will be able to obtain A. tor plumosa.

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Your letter of May 1st and of B.A. Airways of the 11th contains sad news. This Acacia tor plumosa was indeed made under unlucky stars. I kept some of them as duplicates, but not all, and only the weakest. I will let you have them in time, but they are hardly established and I would like to see them more numerous before sending them. . . . In my lunch hour I had a look at them and found that Acacia tor plumosa and Acacia tor plumosa are the only survivors and will stand the trip. So if you wish me to send them, I shall do so.

The Secretariat of the Kenya Govt. replied to Dr. Leakey's request for sponsorship that the application should be made through the Ethiopian Airlines which, on enquiry, sent me forms to be filled in in triplicate. I enclose a set plus one copy of mine so as to guide you about what to fill in. Under "Name of plant" I put "Acacia tor plumosa" and "no more than 5-7 months from Aden, 1951".

In your own case, you will certainly not stay longer than between Aug. 2nd and Oct. 8th, but it is just possible that Williams and I will stay longer. At the same, I should also fill in the same as I did. Please return the forms as soon as you filled them in. I have left No. 10 and for the time being, when I rang up the Ethiopian Airlines' Office.



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Dear Peter

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7th May, 1953

Mr P.R.O. Bally,
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NAIROBI,
Kenya.

My dear Peter,

I can now send you the enclosed photographs, the notes with one, and notes on the back of the other, speak for themselves.

This morning I went down ^{again} to the Air Freight Depot, and personally searched all the manifests since 28th March, and also personally went through the packages in the Queens Warehouse, and it seems certain your consignment of Gillett's Mega Aloes never reached here. A few days back I wrote to Nairobi giving full details and asking for information as to the plane and date of departure. I will let you know when I hear from them.

Yours sincerely,

Gillett

I have just heard from Gillett who has succeeded in pin-pointing a few more localities for me. I will draw up a full list of these localities soon - send you the lot within a few weeks.

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5th May, 1953

Mr P.R.O. Bally,
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My dear Peter,

Many thanks for your letter of 1st inst.

Thank you for the two photos of the Aloe from Moboloni Hill which you have not sent before, and which I am very glad to have.

I am also glad to have seen the letter from Sir Gerald Reece, which I return immediately, as requested.

Regarding maps, I am sorry they gave you all that trouble, especially since I got all I asked for without any trouble.

Re Gillett's Aloes from Mega: Believe it or not, these have not yet arrived, although you sent them by Air on 28th March last. The local Freight Depot have searched their records and cannot trace anything, while I am told it is not among undelivered items in the Queens Warehouse. So, presumably it was never despatched from Nairobi. Anyhow, I have already written to the authorities in Nairobi giving them full details and asking them to advise me immediately on what plane and on what date the parcel was despatched. I hope we can trace it, but I rather fear that four to five months delay will not have done the plants any good.

Re your Aloe 55 from Sheik Pass which Greensmith had in the City Park: My two plants have three or four unbranched inflorescences about 10 inches high, but the flowers have not yet opened.

The El Carve little Aloe also has an unbranched inflorescence about 9 inches high, but these flowers also have not yet opened.

/Within.....

Within a week or so I should be able to photograph them both, and I will of course send you photographs and notes. Both of them appear to be undescribed.

You mention that A. jucunda has flowered again with you. My plant also will be flowering again within a week or so, and when it does, I will send the inflorescence plus a leaf to Kew so that they too can have the type number in Herb. Kew.

The Journ.S.A.Bot. containing description of A. jucunda plus an article on the identity of A. Johnstonii and putting it in synonymy under A. myriacantha, should be published any week now, since I corrected the final proofs about a month ago. I will naturally send copies as soon as I receive them. I am also waiting for photographs to be finished of A. magnidentata from Hargeisa and the species from Dhala, 85 miles north of Aden, and will send them to you with notes as soon as I get them.

Another point that will interest you is, I have at long last run to earth the precise locality where Schweinfurth collected A. schweinfurthii in May 1870, in the south-western Sudan not far from the Congo border. Milne-Redhead put me in touch with Mr Anthony of the Research Station at Yambio, and I have just heard from him that he knows this spot, that there are many Aloes there, and that he will collect some and send them to me. To succeed in tracing this hitherto elusive species and to establish its identity, will indeed be a fine piece of work.

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Yours ever,

Kellert

My dear Gilbert,

You have not heard from me for some time, I have been very busy, and now I am going to the coast to bring the family back and taking the opportunity to collect there. It is just the right season, much will be in bloom. Before leaving I will answer shortly your latest letters.

Maps: I am glad to hear that you got yours from the Survey Dept. I am sure you might not have got them if I had applied for them, for when I went there to get maps of the areas concerned I was told roundly that there were none! When I told them I knew they had them, for they had supplied you, they very reluctantly admitted this. And it was only on the strength of this that I got a set of my own too.

I enclose two enlargements of *Aloe* sp. from Mokoloni Hill which I think I omitted to send you earlier. Should you have received them already, please return them to me.

Another enclosure which I would be grateful to have returned is a letter from the Governor of Somaliland. You will see by it that we shall be welcome there.

Your letter of Apr. 20th:

Many thanks for photographs and notes on *A. pole-evansii*. I wonder if it is the *Aloe* grown in the Museum garden, which Br. van Someren told me he had collected n'r Kisumu, many years ago. It has dark green, unspotted leaves and an inflorescence very similar to the one portrayed on your photograph.

Popoff has left Socotra, but he has sent no more *Aloes*, in spite of his first note which said that what he had sent was only a beginning. I have not seen him yet; he is still in Aden.

The *Aloes* related consignment from you have not been written that you have received them, but I hope that they have arrived. Here is the Air-Waybill for the consignment, dated 28-3-53, the same date as the letter in which I notified you.

My *Aloe* 55) is, as you infer quite correctly, the one which Green-Smith had in the City Park and which I collected on the Sheik Pass. Its flowers are similar in colour to those of *A. jucunda*. By the way, many thanks for returning the drawing of the latter.

I shall be most interested to hear what the minute plant from El Carr is going to be. Mine has not done a thing yet.

Re our permits for Abyssinia, I am still waiting for the sponsoring by the Kenya Government (including yourself) which - I hope - will not be too long to obtain.

J.G. Williams left on his Quelia-trip today and he asked me to thank you in his name for your letter on *A. princeae* and *A. mkatiensis*. He was so very busy weeks before leaving on this 6-8 weeks' trip that he had no time to answer your letter himself.

I thank you also for the photographs of *A. haterâtaeformis* and *A. nuttii*

From my garden I have nothing of interest to report, except that *A. jucunda* has flowered again.

Best wishes and kind regards, in haste,

Yours



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SOMALILAND PROTECTORATE.

199/1.

16th April, 1953.

My dear Bally.

Thank you for your letter BOT 68/SA/53 of 24th March, 1953.

We shall be pleased to see you and hope that you will stay with us during your visit to Hargeisa. Please let me know the approximate date of your arrival.

Travelling in these areas at that time of the year is apt to be rather dusty as the 'kariff' is still blowing. I need not stress the importance of being well prepared, particularly over water and spares for your vehicles.

Collecting in the Al Mountains may prove to be rather difficult as there are no roads to those areas and you cannot drive across country. But you will find it easy to get to Gaan Libah, Sheikh and the hills behind Erigavo which are the western end of the Al Mountains.

Dr. Baird, the D.M.S., who is a keen ornithologist tells me that Quelia are to be seen around Hargeisa and in the western areas of this Protectorate up to Borama where Sorghum is grown. He hopes to be back from leave by the time you arrive and would very much like to meet Mr. Williams.

Regarding sansevieria, we have been trying for a long time to get firms interested in this fibre and we now have an Egyptian, Mr. Rene Sekaly, who is trying to exploit the 'hig' (as it is called here) of this country. He will be using decorticators of the Raspidor type.

You will have seen, of course, the Bulletin of the Imperial Institute 1906 Vol. IV No. 3 and also a letter No. SAN/1/117 of 26th August, 1943 from the High Level Sisal Research Station at Thika.

The latest reports which we have had about sansevieria grown in this country are from the Colonial Products Advisory Bureau of 25th November, 1949, Ref. No. 2334/18/5 (I attach a copy) and the enclosure to the Secretary of State's 183 Saving (653 Saving for Kenya) of 17th June, 1950, which came from the British Brush Manufacturers Research Association Ltd.

I hope you will be able to stimulate interest in the use of 'hig'. So far we have had a number of rather tepid enquiries from firms, much correspondence and reports from England, but few results.

Yours ever
Crawford

PETER R.O. BALLY, ESQUIRE.

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30th April, 1953

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NAIROBI,
Kenya.

My dear Peter,

You will be pleased to hear that Mr George Popov of the Desert Locust Control, Aden, sent me a parcel which I received by Air to-day, containing seven small Aloe plants from Socotra. I am hoping that the three Aloes recorded from the island will be represented namely, A. perryi, A. forbesii, and A. squarrosa. In a letter to Dr Gilliland Mr Popov said "I am also sending a ~~large~~ collection of living plants to Bally of the Coryndon Museum, and if Dr Reynolds would like some more specimens of the Aloes, Bally should be able to spare him some". In view of the fact that my specimens arrived in perfect condition, I don't really need any more at the moment, but I am glad to know that you have some as well so that between the two of us we ought to manage to grow them.

Here is another item of interest. The more I study the description of A. ruspoliana the more I am beginning to believe that this species is non other than A. jex-blakeae. According to description, and the photograph I have of the type material, it does seem to me that these two are one species, and if they are, then most unfortunately A. jex-blakeae will have to go into synonymy. A. ruspoliana has its type locality at Mil Mil but there are several other localities for it. Anyhow, we will see what we will see.

Another item of interest is the Aloe from Dhala, 85 miles north of Aden, collected by Ken Guichard, your list No. 28, was in full flower this morning. I have photographed it in colour and black and white, whole plant and flowers only natural size,

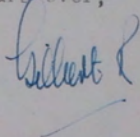
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(Note Popov)

and as soon as prints have been made I will send some photographs to you. I have written up a description and compared the descriptions of species from Arabia, and I make it A. vera var. officinalis, but I will be sending photographs and full notes to Milne-Redhead at Kew to check up on identification. When I get something definite I will of course let you know.

Thats all for now old chap.

Yours ever,



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20th April, 1953

Mr P.R.O. Bally,
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NAIROBI,
Kenya.

My dear Peter,

Firstly I would like to send you the enclosed notes and photographs which I thought you might like to have. The notes and photographs speak for themselves of course. I would be glad if you would please show the photograph and the notes on my No. 6614 to Mr Williams. There is no doubt whatever that the species he collected at Dabaga is none other than a form of A. lateritia. You will note that A. princeae is described, among other things, as having racemes 20cm. long and pedicels only 5mm. long, so that rules out immediately any possibility of Williams' plants being that species. What A. princeae can be I still have no idea.

Now for your letter of 16th inst., which I am very glad to have. I am glad to have your information that your Herbarium continues as a separate institution from Greenways, and I will as suggested, quote it separately as I have done in the past.

I am glad the photographs taken from Bot. Mag. reached you safely.

Regarding Popoff, it seems that you and Gilliland each asked him to send Aloes without the other knowing about it. Anyhow, I am tremendously grateful to have that Aloe from Homhill.

No, I have not yet received the four Aloes ex Mega which have been over four months on the way, and it seems that they must be coming down by Parcels Post, since I have had no advice from the Airways. Anyhow, when they do arrive, I will be very

Gilliland told me this morning that Popoff had written to me & said he was sending Aloes to you and to me, & on their way now. Whether mine are coming direct or coming first you I do not know.

glad to have them, but I fear they will have to be treated exceedingly carefully in view of the tremendous long time they have been uprooted.

Re your Aloe 55: I have no record of this number since the highest number as per your lists of which I was advised or received plants, is number 52 as per your list dated 8 Nov. 1951. This reminds me. You remember the afternoon we visited the Nairobi City Park, Mr Greensmith gave me two plants from the clump which you originally collected at Sheik Pass. Both of these plants rooted well and have grown well and both are now pushing up an inflorescence. It probably won't be anywhere near the normal size, but still, they are beginning to flower. Another most interesting plant is your list No. 28 exx. Dhala, 85 miles north of Aden. This is now almost in flower and within a week or ten days it should be in full bloom. Even now it has gone far enough for me to have a very strong suspicion that it is A. vera var. officinalis. When I return from my business trip next week-end, I will photograph the plant, write it up and send you notes and photographs. In any case, I will send material and notes to Milne-Redhead at Kew, and ask him to confirm my identification or otherwise.

In addition, I notice that the small wee plant you sent me from El Carre is beginning to push up an inflorescence. What it can possibly be, I have not the faintest idea at the moment.

I am glad to hear that the seeds of the three Aloes from the north-western Cape have reached you safely, and I hope you will get some results from them.

I am so glad to hear that you and Willams are anxious to go up as far as Alge and so am I since, as I mentioned previously, I feel it is absolutely essential for us to know just what A. rivae and A. otallensis really look like at their type localities. The same remarks apply to A. boranensis just north of Dubuluk. I am pretty confident that these three species go up northwards a long way up the Galla depression, and likewise I am pretty certain some of them extend eastwards or rather south-eastwards to Moyale and probably beyond. I would feel very hesitant to put a name to any of the species from Moyale eastwards, if I did not know the three types north of Mega.

I am glad to hear that you have written to Col. Curle in order to get the permits in good time. As it happens, I have just realised that we will probably be well on our way within four months from to-day, so there is not a great deal of time left for making all the preliminary arrangements.

Will a special permit be necessary to proceed northwards from Dowl? Mr Shubul stopped us last year - remember?

I note you would like me to return your painting of A. jucunda so I am sending it along enclosed. I am really sorry to have to send it back since it is a really magnificent piece of work, and I don't think I have ever seen a painting which is more absolutely life-like than this one. I have previously photographed it so I will of course have a photographic copy.

Well old man, that is all for now. I leave on my usual trip this afternoon and return at the end of the week.

With all good wishes,

Yours ever,

Gilbert R

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20th April, 1953

Mr J.G. Williams,
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NAIROBI,
Kenya.

Dear Mr Williams,

I have sent a note supported by photographs which deals with the species of Aloe which you so very kindly gave to me when I was in Nairobi last year. You will remember it came from Dabaga, south-east of Iringa. From the locality I really thought it would be a species known as A.princeae, but when your plants flowered, they proved to be a form of the rather common A.lateritia. I have asked Peter Bally to show you the notes plus the photographs. I am very grateful indeed to you for these plants, and for the opportunity of having at least one species from that locality. The plant I am really looking for is one which has a flower spike of 20cm., but the pedicels are only 5mm. long.

You will also remember you gave me a lovely little clump of plants from Sao Hill. This plant also is almost in flower, and I expect it will be in full bloom within ten days. You might be pleased to know that the name of this species is unquestionably A.mketiensis Christian.

I can assure you earnestly that I am tremendously grateful for the plants from these two localities.

Within four months we ought to be well on our way towards Ethiopia, and it goes without saying that I am most keenly looking forward to those journeys.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

G. W. Reynolds.

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11th April, 1953

Mr P.R.O. Bally,
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Kenya.

My dear Peter,

I have looked through my negatives and have had ten sets of prints made from Bot. Mag. These are of Aloe species from up north; some of them were put in synonymy by Berger, and I have put details on the back.

I am therefore sending you ten sets enclosed, and hope they will be of some use to you. You will notice that they cover a wide field from Zanzibar to Arabia and Eritrea.

By the way, I have not yet received Gillett's Aloes from Mega, but I suppose they will be turning up any day now.

Cheerio for now,

As ever,

Gillett

Bot./SA/80

16-4-1953

My dear Gilbert,

Your letters of the 7th, 9th and 14th need to be replied and I do it briefly, for the reason you know, the usual pressure of time.

Many thanks for sending the prints of photographs of 11 Aloes from Bot. Mag., which, mounted on Herbarium sheets are most useful to complete the Aloe-collection. What a beauty *A. rubro-violacea* from Arabia must be!

Ref. Greenway's complaint that you mentioned the Cor. Mus. Herb., I ask you in the name of the Museums Trustees to go on quoting it. There was a misunderstanding which I am now clearing up. The Cor. Mus. Herb. continues as a separate Institution, and we are entitled to be given credit for the work we are doing. The amalgamation of the actual collection was made for facilitating research work in one central Herbarium, but the High Commission who have changed the name of the Amani Herb. into that of "East African Herb" have not acquired the Museum's collection.

I did not know about Gilliland's asking Popoff to send me Aloes for you, but it is a matter of course that I send you Aloes from wherever I get them. I saw Popoff shortly before he left for Socotra, and asked him to send me anything he could find of succulents. He sent me also the famous *Dendrosicyos socotrana* and *Dorstenia gigas*, besides several *Euphorbia* and *Caraluma socotrana*.

Did you now get the 4 Aloes ex Mega of Gillett's? I sent them off long ago? They looked already rather sick and tired after 4 months in a box, and I hope that they could be made to grow in your garden.

I wish I had been in touch with you in 1947, when I visited Accra Plain. I may have seen that Aloe there, but at the time was not particularly concerned with them.

What number is the Aloe you photographed on the top of the Nandi Esc.?

I should like to check up and see if it grows with me too.

My Aloe 55 has come into flower just now, and I made a painting of it, and *A. jucunda* flowers too, just one plant. I will have to make a specimen of it for the Herb., but it almost breaks my heart to have to throw it into boiling water for the purpose. The colour of the flowers of Aloe 55 are very similar to those of *A. jucunda*. The rains have not started, and I have a great many Aloes in flower at present, though none of the Somaliland species (with the exception of the two just mentioned).

Could you some time return the painting of *A. jucunda* which I should like to exhibit in our new botanical room. It would make a perfect match with the one of *A. 55*.

Both Williams and I are anxious to go as far as Alge, whether we can get there will depend on whether we shall get our permits in good time.

I am writing to Col. Curle today, with a sketch of your map and quoting the passage in your letter in which you express your anxiety to see that part of the country.

Many thanks, too, for letting me have seeds of *A. pillansii*, *ramosissima* and *dichotoma*.

I shall let you know immediately if we get the permits for Abyssinia.

With many good wishes,

Yours sincerely

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7th April, 1953

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Kenya.

My dear Peter,

I thought you might like to have a photograph of the figure and text of A. perryi in Bot. Mag., so here they are. There are several others which I have photographs of and which I will send prints to you immediately available.

Greenway has taken me to task for quoting "Cor. Mus. Herb." with my descriptions, and states the the Herbarium and Amani were amalgamated and known as East African Herbarium. It seems to me a little difficult having two Herbs. with two separate Botanists in charge, under one name.

In a recent letter you mentioned doing the Boran first, and the more I think of it, the more I realised that this would be a very excellent idea. I have got all of the known Aloes in the Boran ^{fairly} well pin-pointed now, and I will indeed most dearly like to do the Boran species, a little south of Yavello, if that is at all possible. We could then do the rest of the trip as planned, and if, including the extra week I can now take, time ran short for me, I could still fly back to Nairobi from Hargeisa or thereabouts.

You already have a list of Aloe type localities, and a few weeks hence I hope to revise the list and when I do, I will send it along. There are no new localities to be added into those already sent to you. If I can possibly check up on the Aloes found in the Boran, collected by Riva in 1893, it will be an exceedingly valuable piece of work done. I have a sneaking

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feeling that some of those species will extend into the N.F.D. and perhaps over into Somalia, and I would not be the least bit surprised if some of Chiovenda's species had to go into synonymy.

You can therefore see that from my own particular point of view, it is exceedingly important to settle the identity of Riva's Aloes before we can tackle those species published subsequently.

No more for now.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Gilbert

Gilbert's Aloes ex Mega (4 months late)
not received yet - I suppose they
will turn up any day now.

I never knew Gilbert had asked Popoff
to send Aloes to you for me. - he told
me only recently. I am thrilled indeed
to have that plant from Socotra.

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9th April, 1953

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Kenya.

My dear Peter,

I have managed to obtain some seeds of three Aloe species from the far north-western Cape up near the Orange River. Seeds of these species are indeed almost impossible to get. I have sent a few to Delap, and I would like to send a few to you too, in case you might like to have them, or would like to pass them on to someone else.

Yours ever,

Robert R.

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14th April, 1953

Mr P.R.O. Bally,
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Kenya.

My dear Peter,

Many thanks for your letter of 9th inst., and for the photograph of your Aloe from Mwinzao Hill, which I am indeed most glad to have. Quite frankly, I cannot place this species yet, and I feel it must be one of the northern species coming down so far south. The plant you sent me has rooted and is growing well, and so is the much smaller one that Delap sent.

I really am relieved to hear that you have taken Mrs Bally and Peter junior down to Vipingo where I am sure they will be considerably safer.

Yes, I will bring my small "Minifon" wire recorder with me and plenty of wire.

The Aloe from Accra Plains, Gold Coast is now flowering with me, and I believe it to be A. barteri.

You will remember at the top of the Nandi Escarpment six miles from Kisumu, I photographed what we thought was A. Pole-Evansii without flowers, and also collected a fair sized cutting. This cutting grew very well indeed, and has now produced a four branched inflorescence with long conical racemes which is quite different from the few odd flowers you will remember we saw down at the foot of the Escarpment.

I have just received the ^{Mwasini} maps from your Survey Department, and I am sending a tracing herewith showing where three type localities are situated namely, Dubuluch, Otello, and Coromme. I would be more grateful than I know how to express if we could possibly do that area. What makes it all the more important is the fact that Gillett tells me he noticed that some Aloe species from those regions extend to Moyale, Dolo and beyond. I also

/would.....

would not be the least bit surprised if ~~the~~ species work their way over to Bardera and also up into the Ogsden. Even before I start I am almost certain that some of Chiovenda's will have to go into synonymy, and from my point of view it is of maximum importance that we should know just exactly what Riva's species are before attempting to identify those species in Somaliland. If we could do this first and then work our way over eastwards and do the other parts already decided upon, it would be of the utmost possible value to me, in working out the Aloes of north-eastern Africa.

Is there any hope of our being able to go up to near Alge? As far as I can judge from the map, the total distance from Mega to the furthest point Alge, is only 110 miles.

Please let me know whether this could possibly be done.

No more for now,

Yours ever,

Richard.

My dear Gilbert,

Just a few words to thank you for your letter of April 22nd. In telegraphic style, because I am more pressed for time than ever, on account of more time to be spent on patrols which must now be carried out in daytime too. Besides, I took my wife and child to Vipingo where they are safer, which meant two nights on the road, during which I covered over 700 miles.

After Popoff's 1st consignment of succulents from Socotra there were no others, but I am hoping for more later. He will find it difficult to get opportunities for sending consignments off from there.

My "Mail-a-voice" dictaphone is much heavier than your "minifon", nor can the disks be played on a gramophone: they are magnetized on the principle of the instrument you bought. As yours is so light, I imagine you will bring it along.

Williams and I will be only too pleased if you will do the whole trip with us, the thing is: will we be able to cram it all into such a comparatively short time?

I am glad that you have now received all the maps you require.

At last I got an enlargement of the photograph of Aloe from Mbwinzao which I took in January 1942, and of which you have now a living plant.

We have now three localities for it, i.e.:

Mbwinzao Hill,	Coll. and phot. Bally,	29-1-42	(cult. Bally &
Maboloni Hill	Coll. Benton	early 1952	Reynolds)
	Coll. and phot. Bally	7-12-52	" " " "

Mawani Hill	Coll. David Shepherd	25-53	(cult. Bally)
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My colour photograph on Maboloni Hill came out well, but I forgot to take a duplicate. I have also good pressed specimens.

All the three localities are Gneiss outcrops.

A specimen of my Aloe No 55 has now come into bloom, and if I find the time I shall paint it.

Another Aloe from Bamba, belonging to the deserti-category, but with very pronounced large white bracts, will flower in a few days. Good going, seeing that I collected it on my recent trip to the Tsavo Park.

There is no more to be reported for today and so I call off

with my best wishes,

Yours

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22nd April, 1953

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Kenya.

My dear Peter,

Very many thanks for your letter dated 26th March, just to hand. I note you have posted Gillett's Aloes, which have been four months reaching you from Mega! I will look forward to receiving them.

It is a real thrill to know that Popoff's Homhill Aloe comes from the island of Socotra. This really is a thrill. *Dr Gillett told me he asked Popoff to look out for also for me.*

Thanks for the information concerning your "mail-a-voice" recorder. I imagine that the disk can be played on a gramophone.

Only four days ago I saw an advertisement and locally purchased a "Minifon" portable wire recorder. It is about eight inches long and six inches broad, 1 1/2 inches high and weighs less than three lbs. It runs on batteries and also on 220 v. with transformer from ordinary electric light current. It plays back through earphones. So far, with all the tests I have given it, it works remarkably well. And to have such an instrument which can record conversations, useful information about a country plus descriptions and general observations as one motors along, will save me a terrific amount of work, and I am mighty glad to have such a compact portable little machine.

Regarding expenses, I have at long last receive a very small grant, but nevertheless one that will help, and apart from my air fare, I can devote £150 towards ground travelling expenses.

Regarding itinerary, I note that Harrar is an important "must" for you, and I would love to go. I would also very dearly indeed like to do southern Abyssinia, especially since some of

with you

/Riva's.....

Riva's type localities are not so far from Mega, while A. boranensis comes from near Yavello. You know the rough outline of my own Aloe localities, but I would also love to go anywhere you and Williams go, since new species may be run across and distribution of known species observed.

I have rearranged my affairs this end, and can leave as I have already said on August 20th, and if I leave Nairobi on Tuesday 6th October or even Thursday 8th at the very outside, it will suit me. I have no other commitments up there, and it would suit me perfectly well to leave with you the day after I arrived by Air.

Regarding maps, I have just heard from the Director of Surveys, Nairobi, that he can supply me with the sheets,

NB 36 Mongalla
NB 37 Lake Margherita
NB 38 Belet Uen
NB 38 Mogadiscio.

I have ordered these to come down by Air. At the same time I have ordered sheets which will take in the Southern Sudan, Abyssinia and Somaliland. As soon as these sheets arrive I will pin-point all the localities I can, and mark them on the maps so that when we are in the field we need look only up the maps to have the picture before us, at least as far as my Aloe is concerned. As regards your own Monadenium interests, I will be only too happy and delighted to co-operate with you in any way I can.

I must say I am looking forward with extreme interest to this trip, and I do feel that it will be very fruitful.

With all good wishes,

Yours ever,

Wilbert

My dear Gilbert,

At long last, the parcel which J. Gillett had posted to me from Mega on 23rd. Nov. arrived - 4 months and two days later. It contained the Aloes which you had awaited so long and I posted them at once. No 14367 seemed all but dead, but perhaps you can make it survive. The others stood the long confinement in a box remarkably well.

Popoff's Aloe (*Hemhil*) comes from the island of Socotra.

Many thanks for your note of the 19th, mentioning Hugh Scott's reference to my remark about *E. candelabrum*-*E. obovalifolia*.

In your letter of the 14th You give me the appr. figures of the sum you can spend on the trip, many thanks.

My recorder records on soft, pliable disks which one can send in a letter.

It is called: "mail-a-voice". I shall have the transformer mounted into my Renault for the journey.

The photographs of the Amudat-Aloe have been received and I have them in my collection. It is a very distinctive species.

When I apply for permits, I shall include you in the official application.

Concerning localities to visit, I note that you prefer the Mega-trip to that to Harrar. This will mean working out a different programme, we might go up to Mega first and then travel along the Kenya Et. border due West. I shall let you know later. For me, Harrar is the most important "must", though - if I should not find *Monadenium majus* elsewhere before we go to Harrar.

It is almost impossible to have an idea as to what maximum time the trip will last. One never knows what the roads are like, nor what one finds along the journey. As far as Williams and I are concerned, we do not just want to visit pin-pointed localities, but also to collect new material in those areas which are all to little known from a botanical and ornithological point of view, and we might find localities which we cannot determine beforehand and which will pay a more thorough investigation. It is quite likely that we find quite a number of new and undescribed Aloes in such places too.

Therefore we welcome your revised dates which make your proposed margin a week more than before, i.e. from Aug. 20th to Oct 8th at the outside.

As soon as I find the time to do so, I shall send you a revised route for our trip.

I must close and send this off, the Museum-Boy is waiting to take the letter to the Post Office.

Cheerio for now,

In haste.

Yours

Rose 2097
Johannesburg

19/3/53.

(at Lydenburg)
E. Tve.

My dear Peter

I am away from home on my usual
business rounds, & since I am now an F.L.S.
I received a copy of Proceedings Linn. Soc. Lond.
163: 85-189 (1952) recently brought it with me
to read when time offered.

It contains the account of Dr Hugh Scott's
"Journey to the Kruger Highlands, S. Ethiopia"
which I found of great interest indeed.

On page 126 Scott refers to "Succulent
Euphorbias: the great quolquol or candelabra-
trees" & says "I have only recently learned
from Mr Peter Bally that two species are
involved: E. candelabrum E. obovata
....."
etc.

No doubt you already know about this,
if not, then above is the reference.

Yours
L. B. Hart

Gilbert

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My dear Peter,

I have just returned from my trip to find your letters of 16th 18th and 19th March awaiting me. I will reply to them in turn.

Yours of 16th:

Thank you very much indeed for the Aloe collected by Mr Popoff, from a place called Homhil. Where is this place please? I am most grateful for the lovely plant you have sent me, thank you very much indeed.

13/- enclosed to reimburse you!

Thanks for the further information concerning your B8820.

I note you think it might be advisable to carry a revolver, so I will bring one up with me.

Re Amudat Aloe: I am sending you photograph of the plant and flowers natural size which you might like to have. The leaves can hardly be separated from those in the section Saponariae, but the flowers are very closely related to those of A. secundiflora.
- nothing like A. turkanensis.

Yours of 18th:

Many thanks for letting me see your letter to Col. Curle, and his reply to you, both of which I am returning to you herewith, with very many thanks for having seen them.

If your Secretariate officially sponsors the applications which Col. Curle could attend to, then I take it you could perhaps include me in the official application. I have not the faintest hope of doing anything from this distance, and I know that you will do all that is necessary on my behalf yourself.

/The.....

The other points raised in his letter you can of course reply to yourself.

includes you. add in the route to and from Mega.

Regarding your map, I don't see that I can add anything more to the red line route you have already shown on it. The only must in Ethiopia for me is Mil Mil which, according to the map, is about 20 miles east of Dagbur. That is a place I do very badly want to visit since it is the recorded type locality for A. ruspoliana and A. megalacantha. The other localities which you quote in your letter under your heading "Ethiopia" are all as far as I know, in the Boran country and I doubt very much whether we would be able to get there on this trip. It is by no means a must but if it could conveniently be done, then I would like to do ~~it~~ route from Hargeisa to Harar and Diredaou to as far as the Hawash river, ~~That~~ is not compulsory, but it would be a very fine piece of country to visit, where several Aloes are recorded from, if there is a decent enough road and if there was time to do it.

I note that you and Mr Williams want to go into Ethiopia near Mega and that you would do it if I had to leave for home by Air earlier. If I had the choice between ~~the~~ going across to Harar and going to Mega, then I would certainly choose the latter since as you know, there are a few Aloes collected by Riva and others recorded from the Boran country. Gillett has sent me a quantity of seeds and numbers of plants from that part of the world as you know, but I would love to see them wild for myself. Therefore, in your application, would you be good enough please to include my name as well with the areas that you and Williams would be going in to, in case I can go that way with you.

Could you give me an idea as to what the maximum time would be for the trip you propose for me and for yourselves including the Southern Boran. Rather than miss a golden opportunity, I might be able to make arrangements for a locum to do my October country trip and perhaps I could do the south Boran with you instead of flying home from Hargeisa or thereabouts.

Thank you for sending me the Italian forms to be completed which I have done and return herewith.

Also thank you very much for the address of the map people in Nairobi; I will write to them and see whether they can supply what I have in mind. Many thanks indeed for your kindness here.

Could you tell me please what kind of dictaphone or wire-recorder you have? My machine is a Webcor "Electric Memory" wire-recorder. It is really too heavy to pay Air Freight on so I cannot entertain bringing it up with me. If your instrument could perhaps be used, it would make an enormous difference saving time writing out long descriptions and so on, but I could manage

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of course doing everything in long hand.

By the way, if you do visit the Mega district by what road would you propose getting there? Would you go through Moyale, or is there some other road north of that which would run westwards from somewhere in the Ogaden country. According to my National Geographic map of Africa there is no road running westwards from the Ogaden, but there is a road shown from Dolo north-westwards to Negelli thence south-westwards to a point north of Mega. Did you have that road in mind, or did you think of going up from Wajir? When once you were at Mega I take it you would return to Nairobi via Marsabit. As I said I would far sooner do that stretch of country and omit Harar and Diredawa if necessary. As you know of course what I particularly want to do is to hunt up type localities and see what does actually grow there. I do feel that there will be some sinking to do and that we will find that the same species have been given different names by different early travellers in different localities. If I can receive maps from your map office, of Ethiopia I might just possibly be able to trace some of the place names which I have hitherto been unable to trace.

I will be at home now for four weeks before having to leave on my next trip, so if there are any particulars etc. you may require, I can reply very promptly to any letters.

I think you are very wise indeed in ^{now} contacting the authorities in Ethiopia with a view to obtaining the necessary permits or visas since as you know, these things seem to take a very considerable time when dealing with the Ethiopian authorities.

Well old man I think I have just about answered all of your points, and I must say I am very grateful to you for all the trouble you are going to organising and planning this trip.

By the way, I see from your map that the place Dolobscio is shown about 30 miles inland from Obbia, up the coast from Mogadishu. This is type locality for A. ambigensis and is the only locality recorded for this species. If there would perhaps be a possibility of investigating it, it would be nice. Naturally I do want to clear up as much as humanly possible on this trip and I realise I will in all probability never be able to visit those parts again.

I have just got back to my office, and as could be expected, dozens of letters are screaming for attention but I did want to attend to yours first.

Cheerio for now, and with all good wishes to you all,

Yours as ever,

W. H. S. G. H. S.

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My dear Peter,

In your last letter you said that if I had to fly back to Nairobi from Hargeisa, you and John Williams wanted to go to Mega and thereabouts. I would very dearly like to do that part of Ethiopia since as you know, some of the species collected by Riva and described by Baker come from that part of the world.

I am therefore wondering whether if I could rearrange my October country trip here and also make other arrangements to be away one week longer than I expected, whether I could perhaps do the Boran country with you, and if necessary leave out the area between Hargeisa, Harar and the Hawash River. There are no type localities in that part of Ethiopia, but there are three or four type localities more or less near Yavello north of Mega. My revised dates would therefore be:

Arrive Nairobi by air Thursday 20th August ✓
Leave Nairobi to return on Tuesday 6th October, ✓
or one or two days later at the extreme outside.

That would give me seven weeks all but one or two days. The position therefore is, would from 20th August to 6th or 8th October be sufficient time to comfortably do the Somaliland portion plus the Boran, with or without doing the bit to Harar and Hawash River? I will be glad if you will please let me know whether things can work out this way. As I have already said, the Boran with its type localities is far more important to me than Harar etc., which has no type localities of Aloe.

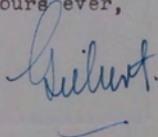
/I have.....

I have written to the map office asking whether they can supply certain maps, and if I can get them, I might be able to pin-point some of Riva's localities. Caropme which I can pin-point is one locality, Yavello is another important locality since A. boranensis comes from near there. When you apply for permits for Ethiopia, perhaps you could include this area of Southern Ethiopia. In the Ogaden the only Musa is Mil Mil east of Dagabur which is the type locality for two important species.

I will be very glad indeed to have your views in this matter, since I can if necessary, squeeze seven to nine days more than the original dates I gave you.

Cheerio for now,

Yours ever,



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My dear Peter,

It is Saturday morning-my very rushed morning, and I leave to-morrow on my usual monthly rounds but I do want to acknowledge your letter of 11th inst., even if hurriedly before I go.

Thank you very much for your numbers on my sheet. I am grateful for another locality for the Maboloni Aloe. I note that the Aloe I received yesterday came from Mbwinzao Hill etc., so don't bother replying to the request dashed off yesterday.

Regarding a visa to enter Italian Somaliland, the two forms to be filled in were not enclosed in your letter, so if you will send them along, I will do the necessary.

I am so glad to hear that if I had to return to Nairobi by Air and leave you and John Williams to return leisurely, it will suit you. If it is necessary to hire a landrover, I will gladly contribute my share. After paying my Air fare which is now £108, I will have approximately £130 to devote to travelling expenses for six weeks and this amount will have to cover my flight back to Nairobi from somewhere, if necessary. I have applied for a certain grant which might or might not come off. And as you know, I have so far had to pay every farthing out of my own private pocket.

Your photographs taken at Mudanda rock with rhino as well as elephants, are magnificent, and I am glad to have them. If only I had a telephoto lens, how happy I would be!

/Re.....

Re Monodenum, I know your feeling only too well. There is always more work to be done than could be comfortably done when a man is conscientious. I have learnt to keep plodding away, to try and not be impatient, and it comes out well in the end. With me, my newly acquired wire-recorder is proving invaluable, and with a transformer it could be used on a 6 v. or 12 v. motor car battery. I will take it with me on my long trip right through the Congo from south to north, in the middle of next year.

Please excuse the ^{brevity} ~~scarcity~~. People are waiting for attention, but I did want to dash off a reply before leaving on my trip.

Yours sincerely,

As ever
Billie.

1. I am truly grateful for the lovely large plant on Hart, orig coll Mburizao Hill.

2. I had the 3 specimens arrived - on on H. secundiflora. I will try to go to you when I get them.

3. I will be home again Sat. eve. 21st inst. Plane left this morning, so this can't go until Tuesday's plane.

4. Hope your friend in Addis can get things fixed re my own entry to Ethiopian territory.

5. What is address of Map office where you get the BSGS maps please? I want several others + could write direct.

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19-3-1953

My dear Gilbert,

In reply to your letter of the 14th I am now enclosing the forms to be filled for the Somaliland-trap. I apologize for the oversight.

Williams is doing a survey on some sparrow-like birds which are very destructive to crops all over E.A., and which takes him as far as the Sudan. He mentioned to the Survey people ~~of~~ the possibility of his joining us, and what an opportunity it would be for him to cover those areas too, and he got such sympathy for the idea that he hopes to get the free loan of another suitable vehicle from Government for himself. That would be absolutely splendid, and it would save a lot of money.

The address of the Map-Office in Nairobi is:

Survey and Registration Department
Map-Section
P.O.Box 89
N A I R O B I

You will probably obtain what you want more quickly if you write to them direct, than if you rely on me. Just now I had some very interesting new *Ceropegias* flowering which I must paint and I hardly get away from my desk.

Please do not excuse yourself for short letters or scrappy notes, in fact, how busy you are, and as long as I understand what you ask it is quite sufficient.

Yours as ever

Encl: Form in duplicate

Do not bother bringing your Dictaphone to E.A., for I have quite a useful one too with an adapter for the car battery. I shall have it insta

When I was there, it was closed.
Williams and I had to take a detour to Harar, but we can do
that easily on our way back by ourselves, if you should have left for
Harar earlier.

I expect our trip will be as follows: I shall return to Harar
with O'Keefe on our trip up to Brit. Somaliland, Harar-Awash from Har-
-rarr, return to Harar and to Harar and to Harar and to Harar and to Harar
as far as possible; by then your time may be up, and you could take
the plane from Harar to Addis, and hence back to S. A.

So much for today, I post this in haste, so as to have your re-
ply as soon as possible.
18-3-1953
Your ever, with my best wishes,
Hot.55/SA/53

My dear Gilbert,

I enclose the reply by Col. Curle to my enquiry re: visas
to parts of Ethiopia in which I enclosed the particulars of our respect-
tive passports and a photograph of each of us.

In my enquiry I covered all the places in which the three
of us would be interested, using a map from Italian times at my dis-
posal.

But from your last letters it appears that you are inter-
ested only in a short trip from Gijjiga (on the border) to Harar as
a necessity, apart from the trip through the Ogaden.

Before answering to Col. Curle and giving him the precise
localities and route we want to take, I would like to ask you again
to give me any place that you must visit in Ethiopia.

The places indicated on your latest list are:

E T H I O P I A

- Boran country: Ahele Bekaka betw. Coromme (5°31'N-38°04'E) and Otallo
- Boran or Ogaden? : Savati, River Lagonomi, possibly n'r Dolo
- Galla Highlands : Tarro Garubi
- Ogaden : Mil Mil and near Mil Mil

Biakaboba (where?)

Dolo (on the Somalia border, so that we may not need to
enter Ethiopia at that point)

and then the trip from Hargeisa-Jigjiga-Harar-Diredawa
as far as possible to Awash.

Would there be any more?

I enclose a primitive map of most of the area our travels will
will cover and the best thing would be if you would indigate roughly
with red pencil the route we are going to take, particularly in Ethi-
opia, for the use of Col. Curle, and I shall send him the map on re-
ceipt from you.

He will then be able to tell us among other things how far
the r'd Diredawa-Awash is fit for vehicles.

When I was there, it was closed.

Williams and I want to go into Ethiopia n'r Mega, but we can do that easily on our way back by ourselves, if you should have left for S.A. earlier.

I expect our trip will be as follows: Italian Somaliland to begin with, Ogaden on our trip up to Brit. Somaliland, Harrar-Awash from Hargeisa, return to Hargeisa and do Erigavo and Eastern Brit. Somaliland as far as possible; by then your time may be up, and you could take the plane from Hargeisa to Nairobi, and thence back to S.A.

So much for today, I post this in haste, so as to have your reply as soon as possible.

18-3-1932

Your ever, with my best wishes,

My best regards,

I enclose the reply by Col. Curle to my enquiry relative to parts of Ethiopia in which I enclosed the particulars of our request and a photograph of each of us.

In my enquiry I covered all the places mentioned in your letter. I have a map from Italian times at my disposal. But your last letter it appears that you are interested only in a short trip from Galla (on the border) to Harrar as a necessary part of the trip through the Ogaden. Before answering to Col. Curle and mentioning the precise localities and route we want to take, I would like to ask you again to give me any place that you would visit in Ethiopia.

The places indicated on your latest list are:

ETHIOPIA

born country: Abebe Bekke (between 2° 11' N - 38° 01' E) and Galla

born or Ogaden: Gavati, River Lagonomi, possibly n'r Dolo

Italian Highlands: Tarro Garubi

Ogaden: Mil Mil and near Mil Mil

Hakaboba (where?)

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We will then be able to tell us among other things how far the rd Disbawa-Awash is fit for vehicles.

My dear Gilbert,

Through the Desert Locust Survey I have just received a consignment of succulents, among them an Aloe, collected by Mr.Popoff,at a place called Homhil,2500' alt.,on 25-2-53.

I hasten to send the healthiest and largest of the three plants to you by air, I am sure you will be much interested in having it.

Your letter of the 13th instant arrived today. My B 8820 has the following legend: MBWINZAO Hill,3500-4000',coll.by myself on 29-1-1942, (photographed in flower in situ on same date) and in cult.in my garden since then. It is without doubt the same as the one collected by Benton last year on Moboloni Hill, and as the one collected by David Sheldrick at Manyani, mentioned in my previous letter.

Yes,I think it is advisable to carry a revolver,although the most likely area where you might like to use it would be those parts of Kenya which we visited last year and which are now the center of the MauMau-disturbances.

The Aloe from Amudat sounds very intriguing. Could it be related to A.turkanaensis? This also has recurved, speckled leaves and an inflorescence reminiscent of A.secundiflora, although the growth is quite unlike that of A.lateritia.

With no more for today, except my acknowledgment for reimbursing Shs.15.--for the last consignment which I received with many thanks,

I remain with all my best wishes,

Yours sincerely
C.H.T.

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PHONE 22-2653

13th March, 1953

Mr P.R.O. Bally,
Coryndon Museum,
P. O. Box 658,
NAIROBI,
Kenya.

My dear Peter,

Thank you very much indeed for the very magnificent specimen of your B 8820 which arrived in perfect condition to-day. The label was a little rubbed and I cannot make out the locality, so I will be glad if you will kindly let me have precise locality. It looks very much like my small plant of Benton's Aloe². The consignment note is also very indistinct, but it appears that you paid 15/- on the consignment, so I am sending you this amount immediately, and thank you very much indeed.

By the way, do you think I should bring a revolver with me for our Somaliland trip? It occurs to me that if we have to sleep in some outlandish places, that it might be advisable to have a fire-arm in case of need. What do you think?

Refers to
A very interesting Aloe has just flowered with me, originally collected by Mrs Tweedie at Amudat, Uganda, north of Kitale and Kacheliba. It has leaves which belong to the A. lateritia group, but longer and very much recurved, while the pedicels and flowers are almost undistinguishable from those of A. secundiflora. It does not fit any published description and appears to be an undescribed species. I will however not do anything about it until I know more of the N.F.D. and south Ethiopia and south Sudan species.

Again my most sincere thanks for all of your most invaluable help.

With all good wishes,

Yours as ever,

Gilbert

② Sent by Delah last year - but very small.

My dear Gilbert, The Maboloni-Aloe has yet another locality: David Sheldrick has just sent me a specimen from Manyani, 25 miles N of Voi, probably found on Yamanyani Hill. I have no further particulars. This enables me to send you a larger specimen of the plant from my garden, the one I collected on ~~Manyani~~ Mbwinzao-Hill in 1942, at 4500'. (I do not send you Sheldrick's plant because it is smaller and very desiccated, but I keep it in my garden for the time being) I leaves today by air.

For obtaining a visa to enter Italian Somaliland you have to fill in the two enclosed forms and sign them. I am told there will be no difficulties at all, but it will take about 3 weeks.

Your passport particulars and photograph have gone to Col. Curle, Oriental adviser of the Brit. Embassy in Addis some time ago and I am awaiting his reply.

Very many thanks for sending me three reprints of FOUR NEW ALOES FROM KENYA COLONY, of which I received a few days ago; they look very good to me.

In reply to your letters:

March 2nd: Somaliland-trip: Your proposal that on the way up to the North we do as much as possible your localities so that you can leave by air earlier and let us return to Nairobi in a more leisurely fashion and do more collecting would be a solution which would suit all of us, I am sure.

As regards transport, Williams owns only a 10 HP Ford Van, rather too small a vehicle for a rather strenuous trip. We may have to get the loan (or hire) of a landrover which would increase the overall expenses, but if they are divided between the botanical, the ornithological section and yourself, it might be feasible.

Your birds recorder seems to be a big success, maybe I must think something up like that to catch up with my work too.

Your list of Somaliland-etc. localities is most useful. I regret to say that I have not yet been to the Survey Office to ask for the maps you require, but I shall do so as soon as I find the time.

Locality of A. vituensis; I have been told by several people that there definitely are sandy steppes N-of the place called Witu today, and if Gillette has found it, we might check up on it later on.

March 3rd, your hurried note: I was glad to hear that the consignment arrived in good condition and acknowledge with thanks the refund of Shs-22/ while envying the promptness with which you deal with things.

March 6th. My notes on the five specimens of my own collecting are on the form enclosed by you.

A largish specimen of "Benton's Aloe" is probably already in your possession by now, from the locality where I found it first, on 29-1-42. The photograph which I took on that occasion - or rather the film of it - is in Switzerland, and I will send it to you in due time.

This all for the moment, and I feel much relieved that you understand my letters are a bit terse and brief.

One thing that weighs on my mind most is - not that at present I cannot do with my Monadenium work for lack of time - but that I do not find the time for writing a memorandum dealing with the urgency of saving our disappearing forests and arable land, and recommendations on what to do about it.

I have many facts, but I must collate them and put them into a palatable form. At this very moment when the Government are studying ways and means for easing the situation created by an increasing overpopulation combined with wasteful methods for "mining" agricultural products from the land, I should much like to give the views I have formed in 22 years in E. Africa, fact, I consider it my duty to do so.

With many good wishes

Yours ever

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PHONE 22-2653

6th March, 1953

Mr P.R.O. Bally,
Coryndon Museum,
P. O. Box 658,
NAIROBI,
Kenya.

My dear Peter,

I have already written and acknowledged receipt of your carton of Aloes which arrived in perfect condition, which I am very glad indeed to have.

One of Gillett's Aloes, his 14472 from north of Mega, and south of Yavello looks very much indeed as if it will turn out to be A. boranensis which from the description is closely allied to our Kenya species A. deserti. Gillett 14281 from beyond Addis on the Dessie Road is in all probability A. debrana. His 15153 from Meru, north-east of Mt Kenya is almost certainly A. ballyi.

Very many thanks for the five species of your own collecting that you sent. I have jotted them down roughly in pencil on the enclosed sheet, and I would be obliged if you could let me have your numbers and any other bits of information that you could, concerning them. That is of course when it is convenient, and when you have time to do so.

As soon as I receive the separates from Cape Town, I will send them along to you.

Well old man that's all for now.

Yours as ever,

Gillett

Another separate herewith

- The A. secundiflora one not yet received.

I think the printing is good, & the blocks show up well.

P.S.

Thank you very much for your letter of 28th Feb., just to hand. I will be grateful if you could obtain that map for me.

I have already acknowledged receipt of the Aloes, and have sent the 22/- you kindly paid out.

Thanks for the promise to send a plant of Benton's Moboloni Aloe, which I will be most grateful to have. Your Mbinzao Hill (near Kibwezi) locality record is interesting, and gives us two localities for this interesting Aloe.

my plant in Kibwezi is growing well, but very small
I am glad the African Wild Life Journal reached you at last, and I hope your mother will receive hers also.

Re A. jucunda n.sp. from Gaan Libah, I do most earnestly hope there has been no misunderstanding about who would describe it. You will remember we were going to call it A. ballyi originally, and I would have described it as such. When I described the Mwatate Aloe with your name, I never gave it another thought, and took it for granted I would describe the Gaan Libah Aloe. Description and blocks have already gone to Cape Town, and will come out in the next Journ.S.A.Bot. due next month. I am glad that you are quite happy about it, but I now realise I should have asked you about it first, and I am sorry I did not do so.

You are quite right about A. peckii in deciding to wait until after our visit to Somaliland, and I quite agree with you that to publish a species without giving precise locality really would be the incorrect thing to do. Let us hope we shall find it next September.

I do hope you will succeed in getting the authorities to provide you with a competent secretary-typist. It seems to me all wrong that a man in your position should have to devote valuable time to typing, filing etc.

Re Somaliland trip: I am glad to hear that everything is absolutely definite, and you can take it as definite from my end that I will leave here by Air on Thursday 20th August. Unfortunately I must return by end September. And as I previously said, if we cannot conveniently get back in time, then I could fly back from Hargeisa or some other suitable place.

Most unfortunately, as you know, I am compelled to work and earn my living. I will miss my September country business trip, which means quite a loss to me, and it will be impossible for me to miss the October trip as well. I would far sooner go to the furthest point possible, and fly back from somewhere, rather than miss it. If John Williams comes with us, then you would have company on the return journey. *if I have to fly to NRB.*

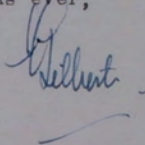
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There is now a very distinct possibility, in fact it is rather a probability that I will spend three months the middle of next year, and travel with family and trailer caravan right through the Congo up to Juba and return down the eastern side of the Great Lakes, but this is merely a probability at the moment, and many other things have to be considered long before hand.

Please do remember that any letters you can write to me can be as short and sweet as you like, since I do not want to take too much time and add to your labours.

Cheerio,

As ever,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. Sillerton". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed text "As ever,". There is a small horizontal flourish or underline beneath the signature.

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3rd March, 1953

Mr P.R.O. Bally,
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NAIROBI,
Kenya.

My dear Peter,

Just a hurried note to advise safe arrival in perfect condition of your carton of Aloes. I have all of Gillett's notes, and when convenient, I would be glad for details concerning your numbers.

I see from the Consignment note that you paid 22/-, so I am immediately sending you this amount enclosed, and thank you very much.

Yours as ever,

Gillett

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2nd March, 1953

Mr P.R.O. Bally,
Coryndon Museum,
P. O. Box 658,
NAIROBI,
Kenya.

My dear Peter,

I was really most relieved to receive your letter of 25th February and to know that all is well with you and yours. Quite frankly, not having heard from you for such a really long time ~~now~~ I was beginnig to get somewhat alarmed. I rather imagined that having been away would have been one reason for not having heard from you. Then I ~~rather~~ imagined that you would be doing duties of some kind in connection with the Mau Mau troubles which you are now having. I know only too well what it means being on patrol, especially from mid-night until four in the morning. ~~One~~ one is supposed to be fresh the next day!

Now as regards writing to me please do understand that I know how you are situated, and I do not expect long love letters which take ages to write. If you only send me a brief Post Card sometimes, it would do. Or, if you write, then by all means make it short and sweet. The briefest acknowledgment will always suffice as far as I am concerned, and I certainly do not want you to spend tons of time writing long letters, when a brief acknowledgment will do just as well. Therefore, if you are pressed for time, please write as briefly as you feel like.

Re Somaliland trip: I am glad to hear that the trip is definitely coming off, but I note you think that the dates I have given you will hardly be long enough. I finish a country trip on 15th August and can hardly leave before 20th August; then on 5th October I have to leave on another trip so I must be home by the end of September. Therefore, if I leave here on 20th August

/and.....

and leave Nairobi on 29th September to return, is unfortunately the maximum time I can be away from my business. If by any chance we could not complete the whole of our itineraries, then perhaps we could go to the furthest point, and then if I was absolutely landed for time, then I might have to entertain flying back to Nairobi, Hargeisa or some other suitable place. Somehow, I have an idea we could just about complete the tour in the time allowed, but naturally you will know best and I must be guided by what you think.

I think it would be grand if John Williams could come with us and we could have a second car. I think he would make a most delightful travelling companion.

You have all details of my passport and I hope you will have no difficulty in getting the necessary permits to enter Somaliland and Ethiopia. I imagine there will be no difficulty as far as Somaliland Protectorate is concerned.

Re list of Aloe localities to be visited: I have a complete record of all known species and their localities but many of the localities are in parts where we cannot visit namely much of the area which Gillett recently went through. There are really three localities which from my own point of view would be most advisable to visit and they are as follows:

- (1) Bardera: There are five species recorded from the Bardera area one of which is a type locality namely Hemin-Gurel, to the south-east of Bardera. This is type locality of A.stefaninii.
- (2) Mogadishu-Kismayu Road: There are four species recorded from between Mogadishu and Kismayu that is near Afgol; between Genale and Audegle, which is type locality for A.microdonta. There is also A.macrocarpa near Margherita. Two other species are recorded from beyond the Juba River, but I doubt whether we would ever get to them.
- (3) Mil Mil: This is a "must" for me if it can possibly be done because Mil Mil is the type locality of A.ruspoliana and A.megalacantha. I believe Mil Mil is not far from the present Dagabur. Apart from criss-crossing Somaliland which I expect we will do, it would be of very considerable help if we could perhaps do the stretch of country from Hargeisa-Giggiga - Harara - Diredaa - Awash River. There are some very interesting species along that part of the world and atleast one undescribed species. However, it will depend on how far we can get, and as I have already said, I would rather go as far as possible and fly back to Nairobi from Hargeisa than miss any opportunities. However, that
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is something which you must decide.

I am so glad to hear that the Aloes which Gillett has brought back for me will be sent off within a day or two, and I am very keenly looking forward to receiving them. I am inestimably grateful to Gillett, sending plants and seeds from parts of Ethiopia which I am confident I will never have an opportunity of visiting myself.

I have just received the part of the Journal of South African Botany which contains the descriptions of A. ballyi and three others, also a paper on the identity of A. secundiflora. As soon as the separates are received from Cape Town, I will send you a supply of them with the greatest of pleasure. I am so glad that the description of A. ballyi has now been published, and the species established.

You mention that you will reply at length in a few days to all the various letters of mine, but please don't waste valuable time writing at length when as I previously mentioned, a brief short acknowledgment will suit me very nicely and I will quite understand.

By the way, I now take Wednesdays off and remain at home working on matters botanical. I find I cannot write as fast as my thoughts come, so I have purchased a wire recorder and dictate letters etc. at home then, my typist plays back my recording and types the various letters and articles while I am busily occupied doing something else. This wire recorder saves me an amazing amount of time, and with it, I can now get through considerably more work in very much less time than I was ever able to do before.

Well old man, I really must ~~w~~ring off now. I am really so glad to hear that all is well with you, and I can only hope that your Mau Mau troubles will soon come to an end.

With my warmest regards to you and your good wife, and hoping that your big son is making magnificent progress,

I remain,

Yours as ever,

Gillett

My dear Gilbert,

I have an hour to spare and I make use of it to answer as many of your January-February letters as possible.

Your note of Jan.9th: Maps: I will try to get the 1:100 000 GSGS-sheets taking in N of sheet NA 37 and anything to the East of 42° E. and report on my success some time next week.

Type locality for A.boehmii Engl: How lucky to have found it; I have made a note of it. Perhaps I shall get there some time.

Gillett's Aloes: I sent you yesterday Gillett's Nos:

Gillett 14732:	one plant	
" 14472:	two "	
" 14821:	one "	
" 15151:	"	Aloe jex-blakeae
" 15152:	three	
" 15153:	two	

I kept one plantlet each for myself, so as to minimize the risk of loss.

Of my own collecting I sent you:

Al	oe	(lateritia	-	Group)	from	Sagalla	-	Ndara,	near	Voi
"	"	"	"	"	"	Taita Hills	(Pressed material,	B8790)			
"	(des	erti	-	Group)	"	Voi,	near Hotel				
"	jex-	blakeae	"			Eastern Yatta,	Tsavo Park				
"	(kedongensis	-	Group)	"		Ngong Hills,	summit				

10 rs of 13-Jan.

Thank you for telling me that A.megalacantha and A.magnidentata are two different species. As the meaning of the name is about the same, I thought they might refer to one plant only. Sorry, my mistake.

The date of the Somaliland trip is now settled, as being the best time for flowering Aloes according to Peck, Hemming of the Desert Locust survey, and other Desert Locust Officers, but Stephenson who knows a good deal about the area tells me that all the very low-lying country is nothing but a parched desert. Well, with altitudes from sealevel to 5000' (the latter in the Erigavo Mountains and Harrar) you cannot expect to find simultaneous flowering in all the localities we shall visit in the short space of a little over a month. It is a pity that you cannot make it longer, but there it is.

Gillett has written to you, I suppose, about what happened to the Aloes he left with the Brit. Consul in Mega. They are still there for all we know, and there is little we can do about it.

Benton's Moboloni-Aloe: I shall let you have photographs as soon as I can. If I get hold of a fairly large plant, I shall send one to you.

Meanwhile I found unmistakeably where my own plants in my garden, of which the labels were lost, came from. Going through my photographs I found that I made one on Mbinzao Hill (near Kibwezi, we passed it on our way up from Mombasa) on 29-1-1942, in flower, and with the remark "very bright red flowers". The photograph shows exactly the same habit as those I made on Moboloni Hill.

Very many thanks for posting "African Wild Life" to my mother, and the copy which you sent to me arrived too, at last, the first being lost in transit, I assume. It was most kind of you to let me have another. Your letter of Jan.15th: I wrote to Dyer some time ago to thank him for sending me plate and text of Aloe nyeriensis.

Yours of Jan.30th: I was very pleased to hear that the little Gan Libah-Aloe has come into flower, and to have the excellent photographs, as well as those of A.mubendiensis

...of Aloe Mubendiensis.

In my own garden, Aloe kilifiensis has just come into bloom and I pressed a good specimen of it.

Your letter of Feb. 2nd: I have read through the description of Aloe jucunda and I have no suggestion to make about anything to add or to correct. I see that you have decided to describe it yourself, I thought you wanted me to describe those I had discovered, but I am glad that you are doing it, for I am extremely busy in so many ways that I have arrears wherever I turn.

The name I had thought up for it was A. rosulata, but I think "jucunda" a very apt name.

You ask me how I have progressed with the description of A. peckii, but I decided to defer the matter until after our visit to Somaliland, for to publish a plant without any other locality than the whole of Brit. Somaliland would not be a commendable thing to do by a Botanist.

I return the description of Aloe jucunda and also the copy of your letter to Sir Evelyn Baring and his reply.

Having no largish safari in view until August, I shall now be able to keep up somewhat better with my correspondence. But I am at a stage where I am longing for a competent secretary to do my typing, filing etc., so as to have some time for botanical work as well.

Actually I have commented on the position I am in in my annual report and compared my case with that of Mr. Greenway. I am supposed to have similar status, but whereas he disposed of a staff of two Europeans and seven Africans, most of them highly qualified, the Museum give me one African (who by the way is of so little use to me that I decided to sack him at the end of the month.)

With kindest wishes, also from the family,

Yours ever

Encl: two letters, one Aloe-description

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27th February, 1953

Miss Judge,
Coryndon Museum,
P. O. Box 658,
NAIROBI,
Kenya.

Dear Miss Judge,

I have not heard from Mr Bally for several weeks now, and quite a few letters have remained unanswered.

I am wondering whether he might perhaps be away, or whether he might be ill, or whether perhaps he might be tied up with extra duties with your Mau Mau trouble. There must be some reason why letters have remained unanswered, because I have always found him a very prompt correspondent.

If you could let me know what the position is, I will be grateful.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

G. W. Reynolds.

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25-2-1953

Dr. Gilbert Reynolds
Box 2057
JOHANNESBURG

My dear Gilbert,

I must ask your forgiveness for not having written to you so long, but I have just been too busy lately, and then I was away for some weeks collecting in the Tsavo National Park towards a survey of the plants occurring there. I had not even finished sorting out the material, when I had to leave everything in order to get the botanical exhibit room at the Museum ready for the opening which took place two days ago.

Now I have a little more breathing space, but the arrears accumulated during the past 2 months are so considerable that I still hardly know how to get the better of them.

As regards answering you, I actually had nothing urgent or of importance to tell you, and that is the only reason why I remained silent.

As regards the Somaliland trip, it is by no means off, but the dates which you suggest, i.e. Aug. 20th to end of September are suitable, but hardly long enough for such a considerable trip on rough roads. Our ornithologist, Joan Williams, would like to join us, and I think that this would be most welcome, for it would be much better to have two cars.

I have written to Adefirae Bellehu, the Desert Locust Man in Addis, about permits, but now Gilbert, who has come back from the Ethiopian border, doubts whether he has enough pull.

He advises that one of us should fly to Addis and obtain the permits personally, and unless that can be covered by a visa, for to do it by proxy is a rather hopeless undertaking, as he found out at his own cost.

But that would only be as a last resort, if by say July we did not get the permits. I am also writing to Col. Curtis, the Oriental Secretary at the Embassy in Addis, whom I know personally, to tell him about our desire.

Lately, it has also become difficult to travel in Somalia, now under Italian Trusteeship, especially in the Ogaden. The reasons are political unrest, caused by divergency in the aims of the Somali-Youth League and the Italian Government, and besides the newly suspected petroleum wells in that area. Both issues seem to make it undesirable for strangers to travel through those parts.

I shall shortly go to see the Italian Consul - I have just made an appointment with him - and find out what exactly the position is.

The most urgently needed information is now a list of all the localities to be visited. As soon as I have those which you want, (I expect that I know most of them already) I shall combine them with those I need to see, and then we shall know exactly what areas to apply for.

In the Tsavo Park I collected A. jor-blakeae in full flower, and on Sagalla and in the Teita Hills A. lateritia or closely allied plants. The Teita plants were in flower which I pressed.

Gillett has at last brought the Aloes for you, and tomorrow, or the day after, I shall send you the consignment by air.

Forgive me if I do not go into the letters and descriptions, photos, etc., which you sent me in the past weeks, I shall do so at length in a few days. Just at present I have a lot of other things to attend to first, and the night duties, patrols, etc., we have to do in connection with Mau Mau do not tend to make one fresher for the day's work, I can assure you.

It was very lucky we collected in the Kikuyu country on occasion of your last visit, for you could not do so now, and we do not know for how long.

Well, you will hear from me soon again, for the meantime I send you all my best wishes and greetings from the family too.

Yours ever

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21st February, 1953

Mr P.R.O. Bally,
Coryndon Museum,
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NAIROBI,
Kenya.

My dear Peter,

Not having heard from you for so many weeks now, I am beginning to get a little worried as to what the reason can be.

For the first few weeks I thought you might perhaps have been laid up ill, then I imagined that the Mau Mau trouble has been keeping you all pretty well on edge, and that many of the male population would be engaged on extra duties.

I will be glad to hear from you, even if it is only a very short few lines, and particularly would I like to know whether the dates I gave you for the Somaliland trip will be suitable. That is, for me to leave here about 20th August and to be back again by end September.

If by any sad misfortune you might be compelled to call the trip off, which I earnestly hope will not be the case, then I would like to know early, so that I can make arrangements to hire a caravan to do the eastern parts of Southern Rhodesia and parts of P.E.A. I am however banking for the trip coming off, and have made all the arrangements for that period..

No doubt, you have already seen Mr Gillett, who will probably be in Nairobi now. In his last letter he said he would be leaving for England the first week in March.

I do hope that all is well with you and yours.

Yours as ever,

Gillett

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2nd February, 1953.

Mr P.R.O. Bally,
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NAIROBI.
Kenya.

My dear Peter,

You will be pleased to hear that your very charming little Aloe from Gaen Libeh was in full flower three days ago, when I photographed the whole plant in colour and black and white, and also the upper surface and lower surface of a leaf, plus the raceme/~~raceme~~. My plant almost exactly matched your superb painting, which I still have on loan. The negatives came out very well, and as soon as prints have been made, I will send you a set. — enclosed.

I have had a full description drawn up, and I am sending a copy of it for your comments and corrections, should any be necessary.

I am not sure whether you have any material in Nairobi, ~~XX~~ if so, would you please give me details so that I can include it? ~~XX~~

It was heart breaking having to boil the only inflorescence I had, but I had to do so, so that the inflorescence plus two leaves to show both surfaces, could be used for the type.

I am indeed glad that at long last this charming little Aloe can be described, and I can think of no better name than A. jucunda for it. I had thought of A. modesta for it, but prefer the former name.

/As

As soon as the blocks have been made, and I have your comments, I will send the lot down to Professor Compton, who can include them in the Journ.S.A.Bot., due out on 1st April.

By the way, I have just heard from Professor Compton that the final page proofs have been corrected and returned to the printers for the two papers of mine, covering the East African species being described. I will naturally send you some separates as soon as they are available, which I imagine ought to be not later than the end of this month. I hope there will be time to include a paper on the identity of Aloe johnstonii, which I am trying to find time to do.

By the way, how are you progressing with Aloe peckii? As you well know from your own experience, it takes quite a little time to prepare a new species for publication!

Please let me know about your herb. material, and let me have the enclosed copy back with any corrections as soon as you can, since I would like to get it all down to Professor Compton within a few weeks, and thus have it off my hands.

Hoping you are all very fit, and with all good wishes,

Yours as ever,

Gilbert

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Later : 3 photos enclosed of Saan Sabah Aloe
2 " " A. nubendrensis

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30th January, 1953

Mr P.R.O. Bally,
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Kenya.

My dear Peter,

A few lines to acknowledge with real thanks the arrival of your Christmas Greetings Card with the Aloe so neatly painted in colour on the front. It is a very kind thought, and thank you very much indeed. The card has certainly taken an abnormal time to reach here.

Not having heard from you for some little while now, I imagine you must have been away somewhere. I do hope all is well with you and your family.

Your charming little *Guan Libah* Aloe is in full flower at the moment, and to-morrow I will be photographing it and writing it up.

A. mubendiensis from 35 miles S-W of Mubend~~e~~ on the Kampala-Fort Portal Road, flowered last week, and my photographs came out well. I will send you photographs of these as soon as prints are received.

All my Aloes are doing well, and the next year or two should see many of them in flowers.

With all good wishes,

Yours as ever,

Gilbert

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26th January, 1953

Mr P.R.O. Bally,
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Kenya.

My dear Peter,

I thought you might like to see a copy of a letter I recently addressed to Sir Evelyn Baring and the reply I received, so here they are for your perusal. Please return them both.

No letter from you to acknowledge at the moment.

Cheerio for now,

Yours as ever,

Willert.

*Your stock stands high
with Sir Evelyn - good for you!*

Kirsten PS.

Re maps for Somaliland trip:

I have the Masabi Sheet NA 37 - G.S.G.S 2465
1/100,000 which takes in up to $4^{\circ}N$
+ $42^{\circ}E$

I also have (obtained locally) EAF 1206 + EAF 1208
which, together, takes in the countries
E of long. $42^{\circ}E$ from Kisumu up to
the Gulf of Aden. - 1:200,000 or 1:200,000.

If there is a chance of obtaining the 1:100,000

SSG sheets taking in N. of Sheet NA 37

+ anything to the East of $42^{\circ}E$

I would be grateful for them.

I want to have every possible
type locality, etc pinpointed on
the maps I bring with me.

Thanks!
Kirsten.

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15th January, 1953

Mr P.R.O. Bally,
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Kenya.

My dear Peter,

I was over in Pretoria yesterday, and persuaded Dr Dyer to let me have the plate and text recently published of Aloe nyeriensis Christian, so I am sending it on to you herewith. Would you be good enough please to write to Dr Dyer and acknowledge it?

In Vol. 28 of Fl. Plants Afr. I see that your Duvalia tanyanikensis is figured and described on plate 1082. As stated in the text, this does look very near our Transvaal D. polita.

In haste,

Yours as ever,

Ballant

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13th January, 1953

Mr P.R.O. Bally,
Coryndon Museum,
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NAIROBI,
Kenya.

My dear Peter,

Firstly, a very happy New Year to you all, and I hope it will bring with it many blessings.

Now for your letter of 11th December. The species at Hargrise is A. magnidentata Christien et Verdoorn. A. mesalacantha Bak, is a totally different species.

Re Somaliland trip:

I note that August - September would be better months for finding Aloes in flower. I have therefore re-arranged my business commitments, and I can now give you two alternatives.

- (1) Arrive Nairobi Tuesday 28th July,
leave Nairobi Tuesday 8th September latest.
- (2) Arrive Nairobi Thursday 20th August,
leave Nairobi Tuesday 29th September latest.

Let me know which you think will be most suitable for finding most of the Aloes in flower, and I will plan things accordingly. I rather imagine that the 20th August - 29th September period would be most suitable, but you know the flowering conditions better than I do, and I will be guided by what you say.

Re Aloes from Gillett: Nos. 14367 and 14415 from Mega, I am still awaiting. Presumably these are the ones you referred to which the British Consul at Mega is bringing down in a tin. If they have perhaps arrived, I will be very glad to have them.

/I have.....

I have just this moment received a further letter from Gillett in which he states that two more species Nos. 14472 and 14732, will be sent when opportunity offers. He has sent me detailed accounts of Aloes found in the Yavello district beyond Meza. This is the locality whence comes A. boranensis Cufad, but I would not be surprised if it is the same species found eastwards to Moyale and may well prove to be synonymous with something collected earlier by Riva.

Re Benton's Moboloni Hill Aloe:

I am so glad that you have visited the locality, and that you have seen it in flower. I would indeed be glad to have photographs when you can send them. The small plant which Delap sent me from there a few months ago, is well established and looking quite happy, but it will be some years before it can come into flower with me. I imagine you must have collected some plants, and if there is perhaps a possibility of sending me a fairly large plant, I would be most glad to have it. Flowering in our midsummer, makes all the difference. The species which flower in July, our midwinter, are worrying me.

By the way, I have no really good map of the area where Gillett is now, and I wonder whether you could please obtain the sheet north of the Marsabit sheet (which I have), and also the sheet east of that. I have got the Marsabit sheet and the sheet east of that, but I would be really glad to have the two adjoining sheets to the north. If it is not too much trouble, and if you could obtain these two sheets and send them to me, I really will be very grateful.

I have already pin-pointed as near as I can, most of the localities in the area we will travel through, and this time I want to have all records easily available.

Re "African Wild Life"; I have posted a copy direct to your mother in Basle, so ^{you} can tell her to expect it by Surface Post. Your own copy should have been received weeks ago. If it has not yet arrived, please let me know, and I will send you another copy right away. I paid the Wild Life people for several copies which had to be sent with a Greetings Card for Christmas, and you should have had it weeks ago. *See Pt.*

I have just received five Aloes from Southern Sudan, and also one which might perhaps be A. abyssinica from Erkowit, Red Sea Hills.

My holiday at the coast was very badly needed, and did me a world of good. I fear I have been undertaking just a little bit

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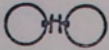
too much, and I find it is a physical impossibility to work until midnight month after month. So, I am slowing down.

Hoping you are all very well, and with all good wishes,

Yours as ever,

Willcutt.

P.S. The wild life people tell me your
copy was floated mid-November,
& told them it must have got
lost in post. They gave me
another copy (free) for you -
so here it is.
Willcutt.



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Friday 9 Jan

My dear Peter,

Just returned from the sea holiday
- desk loaded with work needing
urgent attention

Few letters of 11 Dec received
will write fully within
a few days

Yours in haste

Robert R.

11-12-52

My dear Gilbert,

Here is a reply to your last letters for which I thank you muchly.
Yours of Dec. 1st: Should it be A. maxillata or A. megalantha Bak.,

or are these two distinct species? A. somaliensis: My Aloe 35 (your 6235) is also in bud and I expect to see it flowering in a few days.

I have, according to your wish, destroyed your last description of "A. torana".
Somaliland-trip: Actually, Aug-September would be better months for finding Aloes in flower. A Desert locust officer who collected there in Aug. last year confirmed Peck's statement. He found few flowering even then, they just about to begin. To me it is immaterial when I go, but I have to draw your attention to this fact, in view of the colour photos you want to take.

By the way, I had a most friendly invitation by Sir Gerald Asege, the Governor, to stay at Government House, including even my wife and baby!!

As soon as the New Year has started, I shall start on getting permissions, visas, etc. But at first I need your definite confirmation when you find it best to go. I have kept your passport photos and particulars very carefully for the purpose.

You have either superhuman energy, or plenty of spare time if apart from your business and the Aloe work you find time for a book on African travels. I do envy you!

Your letter of Dec. 6th: I too had a letter from Gillett in which he announces a parcel of Aloes and other plants which the British Consul in Mega is bringing down IN A TIN and deliver at the Museum. The letter was dated Sept. 23rd but the parcel has not yet come in. I am rather worried, because Succulents travel badly in tins, they rot so easily. I wrote this to Gillett right when he started, but he may not have had another container. Well, let us hope the plants will not suffer.

Last Sunday I went to see the new Aloe which the Police Officer Benton brought to the notice of Allan Delap. I saw and collected it in flower, on Mboloni Hill, in the Yatta Plains, n'r the Thika River. It is identical with a plant which I collected in 1943 on the Yatta Plateau n'r Kitui, but of which I lost the label giving the precise locality. I have two large specimens in the garden. It is distinctive with longitudinally striate leaves which are spotted only when young, and a very dense head of long, nodding dark but very bright red flowers. The inflorescence of all those I saw is 3-branched. I took colour photos and black and white ones which I shall send you in due course. It might be well to call Mboloni the type locality (if Hildebrandt has not collected it before) and Delap suggested the name "Bentonii".

I shall go back to the area on Friday and visit the higher Hills in the neighbourhood, perhaps we find other species. It is a very interesting locality, and in one day I found two other new plant species.

You were right when you said that Sir Evelyn Baring is a keen naturalist. He is especially keen on Botany, and I have already been on an excursion to the Ngong Hills with him and his family. Besides, he is very knowledgeable on African Flora. But the present situation in Kenya will keep him hard at work, and I expect that outings of this sort will be few and far between.

I was much interested in hearing about the type locality of Aloe boehmii Engl. Probably another synonym to record. In view of the many new and distinctive species we get, some sinking will not do any harm.

I noted your mention of the maps you have. In fact, we should not have any difficulties in obtaining here whatever we want. By pinpointing all the localities we want to visit, we shall be able to do our trip with the least loss of time or waste of mileage.

At the moment many Aloes in my garden come into flower, among others
Aloe myriacantha.

The Mau Mau activities in Kenya are rather depressing in their effects,
and we do not feel like sending X-Mas cards as we used to do. Nevertheless,
(we both) we send you and to your family our heartiest wishes for a
Merry X-Mas and a very happy and prosperous New Year.

By the way, Alan Delap showed me a copy of the African Field special number
with your article in it and with its illustrations. He received it about 3
weeks ago. Mine has not yet come; I wonder if it was sent by G. Could you
send it, please, and would it be very good to send it to my Mother in
London? I should much like to do so. I have a most kind letter from
Mrs. M. Barry-Forsyth, 33, St. Alban's Lane, London S.W.12, England.
I am sure she would love to have some of the plants. I am sure she
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All the best, in haste,
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but at the moment I have to read your definite contribution when you find
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You have either superhuman energy or plenty of spare time to start from
London to the Cape and back. I should like to see you in the Cape, but I
- locality not mentioned - different from A. trychosantha, come
into flower. I have now no more material for A. trychosantha.
I have a parcel of A. trychosantha and other plants which the British Consul
is bringing down to me in a tin and deliver at the Museum. The latter was
sent but the parcel has not yet come in. I am rather worried because
I should like to travel in time, they are so early. I wrote this to Bill
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6th December, 1952

Mr P.R.O. Bally,
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My dear Peter,

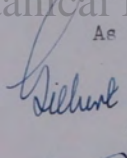
Just a short hurried note to tell you that I have had a few lines from Gillett who is at present at Mega, saying that he will be sending a few Aloes to you for me shortly.

Since I will be away from my office for the next four weeks, and will not be back until the 1st Monday in January, would you please be good enough to keep any plants for me until I return?

If you have anything to send, and could send them off by Friday ~~Monday~~ 2nd January, I will receive them on the Monday that I am back, and can attend to them. Many thanks.

In haste,

As ever,



*Aloe Gillett not received
Africa Field not recd.
Delays got by 3 weeks ago*

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Mujabacantha Bak?

My dear Peter,

Many thanks for your letter of 27th November ref. Bot. 208 S.A. 1952, and for the Aloe plants which have arrived safely and which I am very glad to have.

(6757) The one from about half way between Bursao and Hargeisa looks very much like A. magnidentata of which I have some large plants from Hargeisa - my No. 6757. The other species from 30 miles east of Ferfer looks as if it might turn out to be something like (6758) A. somaliensis - my No. 6758.

This reminds me that your No. 35 - my 6235 from the "Golis Range or Gan Libah" is in bud now and should be in flower within a fortnight. This also looks very much like A. somaliensis.

Many thanks for these plants, I am indeed most glad to have them. All of the Aloes in my gardens at the moment are looking very happy and growing well.

Please destroy the first version of A. torana. The second version A. tororoana is the spelling that will be used and which will appear in a forthcoming part of Flowering Plants of Africa. I don't like publishing new species in that periodical, because I cannot use my photographs of plants and of flowers 1/1, no more can I say much, owing to lack of space. I prefer to publish in Journ. S.A. Bot. where I can handle the subject much better. Dyer had a colour plate which he did want to use, so it was more to oblige him than anything else that I did it.

/Thank you.....

Thank you so much for the photograph of myself at Garsen Ferry, and also for the photo of the "Aloearium Reynolds" in Tananarive. This is the first I have heard about that aspect of it. Thank you very much.

Somaliland trip:

My business country visits have been planned up to the middle of June. I could leave here by Air on Saturday 20th June, Tuesday 23rd or even as late as Thursday 25th, but I think Saturday 20th June would suit me best, and I would have to be home again by Saturday 15th August at the outside. This gives us eight weeks, which is the extreme maximum that I can spare away from here. A week less would really suit me better, but I won't ruin a good opportunity for one week. As you know, I have to pay all my expenses, and I get no grants in aid of any nature. In addition, as soon as I am away from my practise, people get to know of it, and so many will not see my colleague and go elsewhere, with the result that my returns drop sadly. However, those are the dates, and you can fit things in to suit your requirements.

I know that July and August appear to be the best Aloe flowering times in British Somaliland, but I imagine it would take at least ten days or more to reach British Somaliland, - especially if we did the run down to Kismayu from Mogadishu. I hope it may be possible to do this, since three or four type localities are on that road. However, those details can be worked out later to suit you.

This time I will bring with me all possible photographs, notes and descriptions, routes taken by the early people, so that we can have the maximum available data and information available on the spot.

By the way, you have my passport photograph and details of my passport, and you will have to get time to obtain the necessary permission to enter Ethiopia. *Would you please do that for me?*

I have started on a book on African travels, and this next time I will take far more notes of items which will make good reading for such a book, which will of course be apart from the botany.

I told you that I had fortunately been able to secure a booking for three weeks at the sea. It will make all the difference, since it now means my wife and family will have their holiday in advance and will therefore not be deprived of it in July.

I will have to work even harder to finish off articles etc. in various publications that I have in hand, while it will take no little time to organise, copy out, and make up a file of all

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available information for Somaliland. Since this will probably be the one and only opportunity I will ever have of going up towards the "Horn of Africa", I want every ounce of data readily available and as complete as possible. Not having a photograph of the type which had two native names, of A. vituensis when we were at Witu, taught me a sad lesson. If only we had that information when we were there, I am sure we might have done much better, — *experientia docet!* Well, we have six and a half months ahead of us to plan and make all arrangements.

I hope Mrs Bally and the big boy, likewise your self, are as fit and as well as possibly can be, and I am keenly looking forward to coming up again and to getting another big slice of Aloe work done.

With all good wishes,

Yours as ever,

Robert.

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27-11-1952

My dear Gilbert,

Today I am posting two Aloes collected in the North by E. Stephenson of the Desert locust survey which might interest you. Please send me the numbers you will give them for my reference, for I keep them here too.

One is from Brit. Somaliland, about half-way between Burao and Hargeisa, and I think you have already seen this with my No 34. Did you say its name was Aloe megalacantha? Your number, please

The other is from the Ogaden, 30 miles East of Ferfer, and it seems to be new to my collection. Although the leaves are speckled, it seems unlike Aloe lateritia and its relatives. But they are young plants and it is difficult to judge what they will look like when mature. Your number please

Many thanks for sending me a copy of your paper on the identity of Aloe secundiflora Engl. Naturally, I keep it very safely in my files.

Also for sending me the final copy of the description of A. toboroana Shall I return to you, or destroy the first version?

Somaliland-trip: Your letter of Nov. 22nd brings good news! Well, my prospects to undertake it next year are quite certain. The Museum will, I hope, pay for my ^{personal} expenses, and I get £ 50/-/- towards it from the British Brush fibre Manufacturer's Research Association who want me to collect Sansevieria for them. This will, I hope, cover expenditures for maintenance and repair of the car. Besides, I have the promise of assistance by the Desert Locust Survey and the Agr. Dept.

The date which you mention, i.e. to start about mid-June, would suit me, provided that the rains are over by then and we can travel.

But you have forgotten that Peck reported that the flowering season of Aloes in Somaliland is July to September. He writes: "it is unlikely that you will get much in the way of flowers prior to July".

Well, there is plenty of time for us to settle the date, although, the earlier we decide on it, the better I can prepare the way by writing to all the contacts I have there. Therefore, let me know about it as soon as possible.

With kind regards and best wishes,

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Encl: One photograph of yourself at Garsen on the Ferry
One (unfortunately underexposed) photograph of the "Aloearium Reynolds" in Tananarive

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My dear Peter,

Just a hurried few lines in connection with the possibility of the Somaliland trip next June-July.

I have managed to get a booking unexpectedly at the coast from 14th December to 7th January, which means that I will now be taking my wife and the two girls to the coast for these three weeks. Their holiday was intended for next July, but by being able to take them next month, it means that if we do go to Somaliland, then my family will not have been deprived of their holiday.

Could you tell me please what the prospects are of the trip coming off? Also, have you any idea when you would be in a position to let me know definitely? The reason is that if the trip does not come off, then I will either do Northern Nyasaland, or the Eastern Mountains of S. Rhodesia, and parts of Mocambique, next July by caravan, and my wife and family will come with me. One has to reserve a caravan as far ahead as possible, hence my desire to know as soon as conveniently possible whether the trip is likely to come off or not.

The dates that I can fit in would be from mid June to 8th August, at the latest. If you could therefore give me some idea as to what the prospects are, I will be grateful.

Many thanks,

As ever,

Gilbert B

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My dear Peter,

Very many thanks for your letter of 4th inst., and for all the various information contained therein, which I am glad to have. Also my best thanks for the photographs and transparencies.

Re colour of flowers of A.ballyi, I have altered the Latin to read "carminatum", and the English has been changed to read "carmine to reddish orange, greyish tipped".

I have now managed to finish the paper on The identity of Aloe secundiflora Engler, and I am sending you my only copy with pulls of the blocks which will be used. Please keep it very safely, in case I might have to ask for it back before publication.

When I can possibly get some time, I will try and build up a few papers on the identity of some other species.

Dr Dyer rather severely pulled to pieces my description of the Tororo Rock Aloe, while I had an urgent letter from Milne-Redhead to alter the name, so, I am ^{with this} ~~sending~~ ^{let on} you a further copy of the descriptions from which you will note certain alterations and also that the name will be Aloe tororoana.

Re Somaliland trip:

While I would like to do the S. Rhodesia, Eastern Mountains and bits of Mozambique next July, by caravan with my wife and family, the fact remains that if your proposed Somaliland trip should come off in June or July next, then if I may come, I would dearly like to come, since it would be a matter of extreme

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difficulty for me to organise such a trip in years to come, and it would be so much simpler and less expensive if we could go together. The position therefore is that I must do what is most important first, and therefore if you go, I would like to come with you if I may. I would be glad if you will let me know what the position is, and if you could give me as much notice in advance as possible, so that I could make the necessary arrangements this end.

June 1954 seems pretty well settled for Madagascar, so my various hopes for trips in other parts of Africa will just have to take ^{their turn in the future} in the queue and be done as I can do them.

My assistant is away for three weeks, and I am tied down to my office, having to do everything myself, so please excuse more now.

With all good wishes,

Yours as ever,

Gilbert

My dear Gilbert,

I am absolutely snowed-under with work, but your requests are pressing, for you want to send your manuscripts to Prof. Compton before Nov. 15th.

Aloe hallii: I read the paper through carefully, and I stumbled over one statement in your description, the colour of the flowers. You call it straw-coloured, or "straminium". Should it not read "strawberry-coloured"?

As far as I remember we found that the buds only were straw-coloured, but that the mature colour was a greyish-dusty carmine, and this is borne out by two colour-photographs which I made, one in the type locality, the other from the plant in front of the entrance to my house. Of the latter I have a duplicate which I enclose here. By the way, this specimen appears to be dying now, and as I planted it when it was about 3 years old and quite small, the age of my plant must be around 14 years.

Greenway, in his description says that the flowers are: "reddish-orange-grey-tipped".

My description of the slighter Thiba variety is: "flowers red, suffused with purple".

(While hunting through my specimens I came across a gathering showing an inflorescence without leaves, but a sketch of the plant (B 1739, coll. on 29-1-42 on Mbinzao Hill, a few miles N-W. of Kibwezi which is almost certainly the one communicated by Alan Delap from Yatta, of which I have a dried fruiting branch.

And the two living plants in my garden of which the labels are lost and which also seem to be Delap's plant are very likely from Mbinzao Hill too.

In January, when I go for a fortnight's collecting in the Tsavo Park, I shall make a point of climbing Mbinzao Hill (we passed it too, together when I came up from Voi and you regretted having no glasses with which to scan the rocky ledges) and checking up on it. It should be in flower then.)

Re Aloe deserti: I think you misunderstood me in what I said about MacLaughlin's movements in Tanganyika. I have a specimen of A. deserti which he did bring me from Tanganyika, but the label gives no locality. I think he just said that it came from the Pare Hills, which is correct.

What I did say about him was that he was not 100% reliable with his claim of having found plants, for he passed a Euphorbia (my No E 162) a new species to Dr. Byer, as having been discovered by himself, while it had been known to me and I took him to the place where I had discovered it. There was some other unpleasant business between them, but I do not wish to discuss it at this time. If you want to check up on MacLaughlin's locality, why not write to him and ask him to give you particulars? As the place is known to you, it will be easy to check the veracity of his description.

Re Aloe torana: In a previous letter you said that the plant had been found in Toro District besides Tororo rock, and that the name was appropriate because it covered both areas. The Toro-Dist. locality is however not mentioned in the description. Is this as you want it?

Re Aloe kedongensis: Although I have collected the species on Longonot, I kept it in cultivation only and do not seem to have a pressed and numbered specimen. When the new Museum buildings were erected, my plant was removed but of course I am positive about its identity. (Photograph of 2 cuttings & fls. Numbered specimens of the species in our herbarium are:

- B 1068, Kenya Col., Kedong valley, on Mt. Margaret Hill, 6050', Coll. Bally June 1940
- Museum 10893 Kenya Col., Kedong valley, Mt. Margaret Estate, on slopes towards Kijabe, 6100'. Coll.: Bally, June 1940 (Phot. of flowering branches 26th
- " 10902 Kenya Col., Ngong Hills, top, about 7000', Coll. Bally, Dec. 1940 (the latter with a photograph of flowers and buds)

Re A. ngobitensis: The bridge crosses, as you say, the Ngobit River, on "Engare Ngobit".

Re A. xaminicola: I have a specimen among my unidentified Aloes from Ng. Moru, (B 2544, Coll. Bally, 25-4-43) with the very typical, slender fls. of that species. Other specimens in the Museum, one from Ng. Moru, two from Laikipia, seem to be intermediate forms with A. lateritia, so you will not be interested in having particulars of the sheets.

With this, I hope to have covered thoroughly all the information you require.

I enclose another colour photo showing you on the ferry of Shimo la Tew. I do hope that the Somaliland trip will come off next year, for if it do not, it may be several years before I can get there, and I am due to go there several other tasks which I cannot put off too long. But of course, you have considered your family first, I quite understand that.

Apart from the two colour plates I enclose 5 photographs which may interest you:

Somaliland: Erigavo Distr: Coll. P. Glover n'r township, Aug. 1945 (B6379)

Photo CCXX, 12: Flowering plant. Fls. bright yellow, leaves rough like shark-skin, with a smooth margin

" CCXX 5 Single fls. of B6379

Somaliland, Golis Range Aloe Bally 34 (see my list) specimen collected by P. Glover, single fls. only Photo CCXX, 34

Tanganyika, Karato, above Manjara Escarpment.

Photo CCXX, 42 Aloe cf. *A. volkensii*, cultivated in Nairobi

" CCXX, 36 " " " single flowers.

I thank you very much for letting me have such full notes which are very useful indeed for keeping my material up-to-date. Whenever you want them back they are at your disposal.

Without more for today, I remain with best wishes,

Yours sincerely