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Mrs. M. L. Jennings,
c/o Rev. A. J. Haile,
T I G E R K L O O F.

My dear Missionary,

With reference to your letter of the 18th ultimo which you wrote from Seapoint, Cape, re cattle, I have to state that during the past six or seven years cattle breeding has been very disappointing; the cattle have been on the steady decrease every year owing to the continuous droughts, and the position was even worse last year. I have found further that the Masarwa who have been herding your cattle have destroyed a great number, and not only your cattle but my cattle also suffered the same fate.

My idea is that the remainder of your cattle should be sold, and my suggestion is that I try and exchange the cows for oxen from those who would be willing to take the cows, and then sell the oxen.

Some time ago I wrote to Mr. Jennings and told him that there were about 20 big oxen of his, and that at the time they were still poor in condition and were not fit for sale. Now that we have had rain late in the season, their condition will be improved, and I will be able to sell these cattle by the end of this month. The price paid for cattle is very low at present, big oxen realising from £3 to £4

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at the most, whereas formerly they realised from £6 to £8

In view of the urgency of the matter I shall try and exchange the cows as stated above, and effect a sale at an early date and send you the money.

With very kind regards,

Yours sincerely,