

Expedition; but as my health was not strong enough for this purpose I had to leave the Expedition at Fernando Po.

In 1855 I went to Natal, and in 1856 to Capetown, where Sir George Grey gave me an appointment on his Staff, as Interpreter to the High Commissioner.

In 1859 I went home, on leave of absence,
accom

Buenos Ayres, South America, together with two of my sisters, one of whom is there comfortably married to a German gentleman, Mr. von Post. The other went there, ~~on account~~ of her health.

Regarding myself, I may state first that, after having devoted myself to the study of philology, with

with the intention of
pursuing what we call
in Germany the academic
career (i.e. becoming a
candidate for a professor-
ship in a University); -
my attention was drawn
to the importance of
South African Philology
and Ethnology, and
encouraged by the friendly
council of many eminent
men of science (as Alexander
von

von Humboldt, Karl
Bitter, &c), and friends of
Africa (among whom I
may mention to you the
Rev. H. Venn, Secretary
of the Church Missionary
Society), I have pursued
mainly this study for
the last thirteen years.

In 1854 I was, by order
of the Foreign Office,
appointed one of the
Officers of the Niger Shadda
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