

He is only waiting the arrival of a ship of war at Tamatave to put affairs on the same footing as they were under Radama, his father. The prince has written to the governor at Tamatave, saying, "Do not sell anything to the whites until the English have made peace with us."

The great minister, Rain'haro, is dead; and his son fills his place now. Saith your friend. R.

*From a letter, dated three days later.*

I come to see you with this letter, and to mention to you the great changes that have already taken place in the laws of our country, Madagascar.

1st. The commander here, at Tamatave, is waiting for the English to come over and make a treaty of commerce and peace between the two nations, as in the days of Radama.

2d. The queen has issued a law, by which all her subjects, who have left her country to reside with the whites, may return to Madagascar. "Let them do so," saith the queen. R.

*From a third note, dated 14th September, 1852.*

As regards the affairs of Prince Ratokotond Radama, thirteenth honour, officer of the palace, prince commander-in-chief, he is the head of the whole family. It is he who commands in the name of his mother. When orders do not emanate from him, they are not followed. He is above all governors. He reigns in the room of his mother, and possesses the same authority as she did.

*Extract of letter addressed to Rev.*

*David Griffiths, without date, but written about the same time as the preceding.*

OUR BELOVED FATHER,—We are exceedingly glad and truly rejoice to receive a letter written with your own hands, and the letter sent us by the Rev. Noble Shepperd, of Sligo, dated May 15th, 1851, and also that written by you the same month to the Madagascar Christians, in which you state that the Christians in your country

sympathize with us, and that the London Missionary Society feel strong attachment to us, and is very anxious that the word of God should prosper in our country.

We thank Jehovah for his goodness to us, that the Society has not forsaken us, but still intends to send us teachers again as soon as the door opens in Madagascar. We thank God for the intelligence that the Society has not forgotten us and our country, but that it intends to send the sowers of the Word of Life to the people of Madagascar, that they may fear God and become holy people, according to the word of Jehovah to Moses, saying,—  
"Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them, Be ye holy, for I Jehovah your God am holy." Yea, truly happy are the people that embrace it with their heart, for they will be holy in heaven forever. And very great is our joy to learn that you have still an intention of returning to our country again. Yes, dear sir, we cannot forget you, for you alone, are the only one living of our fathers, the missionaries.

Our very souls were filled with inexpressible joy by reading your joyful and consoling words from our friends in a distant land. They were as cold water to the thirsty soul. May you, dear sir, live long, be happy, and be blessed of God. Pray do not forget us and our country in your prayers.

I tell you a little of the present state of Madagascar.

Rain'haro, thirteenth honour, is dead and Roharo, his son, succeeds him as commander-in-chief; he was promoted by Ratokotond Radama, now reigning prince to the fourteenth honour, for they are both great friends. The laws of Madagascar are changed for the better. They are much better than they were before; for it is Ratokond Radama now makes the laws, and is about to reign.

*Extracts of letter from Rev. J. Le Brun, jun., dated Mauritius, Oct. 4 1852.*

We have received encouraging