

Pietermaritzburg
Pietermaritzburg, Natal.
South Eastern Africa
18th - September, 1882.

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I am, Dear Uncle Dan
Yours affectionately
Robert Troy

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