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We waited untill^{sic} the crowd had dispersed & then started on our homeward journey & arrived in camp soon after 8 oclock^{sic} very dusty & hungry

Sorry to hear of so many delays in the home repairs. here, we have built one Soudani house of two rooms, one annexe to our house with three rooms, made one table one settle, two corner cupboards, two washstands two towel rails, various shelves, in three weeks at inclusive cost of $\pounds 20 -$

> Love to you both. Myrtle.