

## Letter to [Horace Waller], 17 July 1863

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In medias Res as  
some folks fond of sporting  
their Latinity after they  
have forgotten it would  
date the spot from  
which I write. . for it is  
no where and we are  
in the labor pains  
of transport - I cannot  
say that we have  
not succeeded pretty  
well so far but it  
promises to be a  
tedious job and that  
would do for me  
Listening to the counsel

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of my fellow travellers  
as I have often done  
before I write in  
hopes of your assistance  
they say that there  
are many Ajawa  
about you who would  
willingly carry the  
boat as far as we  
need it borne if you  
would recommend  
them to do so. I shall  
pay them in brass  
wire the same as I  
sent to you in thickness  
five rods each man  
which make 20 ring

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a quantity of beads but  
more I cannot specify  
otherwise than if they  
prefer the light blue

called by the Makololo  
"Nyassa beads" it will  
not be less than 20 strings  
each. If white pink  
or green 1 ₤ each or  
more and say two  
fathoms of fine  
calico prints as  
handkerchiefs - a  
string or two of large  
neck beads blue &  
white and knives  
each But would

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pay aught else you  
determine as knowing  
them better than I do  
only work hard they  
must and bring their  
own provisions  
with them - and no  
stealing can be allowed  
from the few Menganja  
we pass.

If it can be arranged  
that they want for  
my return to be paid  
I might be able to  
satisfy them better  
with some odd things  
I may find about

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but in case they prefer  
to be paid as soon  
as the work is done  
may I beg the favour  
of your giving M<sup>£</sup>  
George the list afore  
mentioned with the  
names of the men  
and he will pay them  
in my absence

Now my dear  
man as quick as  
may be convenient  
please - I did not  
think of giving in

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to the labour but it  
came heavy on me  
and would use me  
up pretty well ere  
I get on the water  
and no pleasure  
be the result. If they  
won't go let me know  
as quickly as possible  
about forty would  
do if strong fellows  
If I had no idea of  
your having so  
many about you  
as I might have

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sought them sooner

With kind regards  
to Rowley whom  
I hope to hear as  
quite recovered  
from his illness  
and to M<sup>s</sup>Alington  
with blessings on  
yourself. I keep  
Whately & Stephen  
please to read &  
deliver at Morambala  
after our return

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M<sup>s</sup> Young will  
send a man up  
with them to us

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I have thought over the  
affair of the boys  
women & children  
and will arrange with  
M Ferrad to send  
food sufficient for  
them for a year at  
my expense - so take  
whom you think  
right - if the bishop  
repudiates I shall  
take all off his

hands but remember  
if Mesquita is there  
he is a spy & must  
not know our  
plans - if Bishop  
Mackenzie had

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no authority to receive  
the recaptives Bishop  
Tozer shall not have  
it in his power to  
disgrace our glorious  
& generous old English  
church. Before the  
year is out we shall  
hear from home about  
them. Let all be done  
quietly here

Sorry to repeat that  
Moerimar & Seseego's  
wives have been  
taken away by Ajawa  
others will follow -  
It ought to have been

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the other way the  
Makololo ought to have  
taken the wives of the  
Ajawa but being  
six and half a dozen  
except that the Ajawa  
in addition to the wives  
of the Makololo are  
low thieves anyone  
who maintains the  
goodness of either or  
the irreclaimable  
badness of either has  
not learned the first  
lesson in native  
character

thanks for all your  
kindness. Do you  
think it possible  
that the bishop would

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lend Thornton's boat to  
Pioneer. we could sail

it up from the Bar  
with any mail that  
may come in the  
ship that takes off  
Pioneer - or if we  
had it from this to  
Morambala we could  
manage with a canoe  
beyond - If you will  
mention this subject  
to him - He may not be  
cordial with one and  
I cannot at present  
write - Am taking the  
steward - Have your  
box all ready to go  
& any thing else you like

With kind good wishes  
I am &c David Livingstone