

## Letter to John Kirk 2, 21 July 1858

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21<sup>st</sup> July 1858  
13 Off Shupanga

My Dear D<sup>r</sup> Kirk &c

We came to Mazaro  
this morning about 9 ½ and  
on going ashore among  
a crowd of natives &  
Portuguese was sickened  
by the sight of headless  
mutilated bodies lying  
about - the Governor  
having fever the officers  
begged me to take  
him on to Shupanga  
I consented and while

My kindest salutations to you all

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waiting for him the firing  
began a short distance  
off - Everything was in  
confusion and the com-  
-mandant of Tete & M<sup>r</sup>  
Arzevedo & Colonel Nunes  
all told me that the  
man at Shupanga was  
a thief and would  
connive at the Landerus  
robbing us of the goods  
we intended to leave  
it seems therefore decidedly  
necessary for us to

go on to Senna - It would  
be throwing them away  
here - We shall be three

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days to that place now that  
we know the way  
My Dear friends you  
must exercise patience  
I would remain at  
the island myself but  
feel my presence necessary  
where either natives  
or Portuguese come to  
us to make our objects  
understood - If you  
see any plan by  
which we might hasten  
our departure from  
the island let me know  
where I come down

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I still think the Portuguese  
may help us but war  
engrosses every thought  
I go ashore here to try  
& get some fowls sent  
down to you - Examine  
all the things and  
use by all necessary  
thing you like - I forgot  
to say before leaving  
that you ought to make  
fresh bread for yourselves  
the flour is under my  
boxes. God bless &  
preserve you all. Baines  
is quite well now. May I  
suggest a short morning prayer  
again. We have been unable  
to attend to this for some time past