

Letter to Horace Waller, 28 April 1863

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28th April 1863
My dear Waller
D^r Mellr very
willingly volunteered
to run down & see
Procter, and I hope
your mind will
be relieved somewhat
by his Presence and
Procter by his advice.
Those who are
going are D^r Kirk
M^r C. Livingstone
Magrath - Pearce
Saunders - Newell

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Wilson - Ali & Mabruk
my brother & D^r Kirk
will take all their luggage
with them - The canoe
for which I thank
you heartily, the big
green boat and
M^r Thornton's - I
wish the boats to
be brought up at
once with anything
Jose Nunes may
have purchased - but
it must be by
Shupanga people
If we can get the
men we had to

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Johanna & Rovuma

they are a good rowing
and poleing crew
but this we dont
make sure of - I
have requested D^r
Kirk to engage ten
Shupanga men to
allow those we
have to retire - two
of them wished to
go today and brought
all the others to say
they would go too
I have no objection
to them going but
they must give me

[0004]

timely warning - Pennel
wishes to go also -
and Meller would fain
join the stampede by
ignoring seven months
absence from service
I take - this ill as
it takes me aback
while had I been
forewarned I should
have had all in
train - He will go
by July. I am
sorry to part with
my brother & Kirk
but they have
honourably served

[0005]

their time and more
But I am not down[-]
hearted I feel rather
lightened because
most of the money
spent on this Expedition
has not been on
the objects primarily
in view but in
birds beetles &

pebbles. The Great
Scientific men
crowded around
me when it was
known I was
going out and every
one had his claim

[0006]

for a man in his
speciality. I yielded
and in order to
give each an opportunity
of distinguishing him[-]
self allowed all
his collections to go
home in his own
name and in his
own charge. We shall
see if this leads to
the mineral and
vegetable wealth
being made better
known - Henceforth
I am at my own
proper work and

[0007]

looking around on
this devastated valley
I feel with Lord
Palmerson that the
slave trade must be
put down before
lawful commerce
can succeed.

Our first load
will be our black
whaler and I shall
try and make our[-]
selves independent
of the South for
fresh provisions
& native food.
I have proposed
to Galdino to have

[0008]

Jaõ of Shupanga bring
up our man of war
stores if Lito declines
I mentioned Clarke's
case to the captain
who may call & said
his expenses would
be borne by the bishop

Thanks for the
Brandy & gin. I
enclose your note
for £8 - £5 will
do at present - give
it to D^r Kirk -
I am concerned
for Procter but
Meller will direct

[0009]

you - If his tongue
has brown fur on
it I would without
hesitation give
½ chachin doses
of calomel- the
others here who are
better acquainted
with the treatment
that ought to be
pursued would
probably not agree
in this - We have
had no discussion
on the point but
I have found them
efficaceous very

[0010]

I sympathize in
your difficulties
but what are they
for but to be
surmounted - a
grey ox took a sulky

fit and behaved
like a perfect
heathen on our
way home when
we were just coming
in in triumph.
all four legs straight
out held back all
the others & ploughing

[0011]

the ground with his
toes - left him in
the yoke alone & then
of course he had
to try & bring the
waggon himself
I pray that we
may be directed
to strive for and
bend all our
energies in the
right direction &
surely he who
bore our griefs
and carried our
sorrows will
hear in his mercy

[0012]

the cry of his poor
creatures

 Last night was the
anniversary of my
Mary's death. that
bitter sorrow is some[-]
what healed and I
think of her as looking
down with her wonted
interest in our work
thanks for your
letter - and many
for the insects. My
brother will see her
sooner than Kirk

 Ever Affectionately
David Livingstone