

## Letter to Horace Waller, 23 May 1863

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My Dear Waller

Many thanks  
for the kind invitation  
to visit. I am not  
insensible to the goodness  
that prompted it,  
but I am weak  
& disinclined to move  
or speak. The diarrhoea  
is ceasing and I  
am afraid to risk  
a relapse by sitting

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in the canoe. I am  
moreover recovering  
as fast as may  
be after losing so  
much flesh.

The canoe came  
yesterday afternoon  
and I sent it  
down again with  
25 lbs of pork  
& 25 lbs of beef  
and will be glad  
of anytsetse meat  
you can spare[.]

[0003]

It rained from 10 AM  
yesterday right on  
till dark and  
threatens today as  
if it had lost its  
senses. If it was  
as wet down at

the canoe I pity the  
~~v~~oyagers voyagers[.]  
If they meet  
your mission  
their coming  
will be welcomed  
Kindest salutations  
to Proctor & Rowley  
David Livingstone

[0004]

Can you lend us a  
rat trap? We have  
3 kittens & mean a  
pair for you.  
All our garden  
seeds proved bad  
save melons &  
cuccumbers - which  
are of a very  
good kind[.]

[0005]

For M<sup>rs</sup> G. Williams with M<sup>r</sup> Horace  
Waller's kind regards.

Mem: This letter was written at  
Ma Litti at the foot of the Cataracts on  
the Shiré river: the D<sup>r</sup> had been suffering  
from a severe attack of Dysentery  
just before. We were 12 miles below at  
Chibisa's H W.