

Letter to John Kirk 2, 24 March 1865

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Have you Captⁿ Grants address?

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My Dear Kirk

I feel very much
annoyed at the
refusal to print
your reply. They
ought to have refused
Peters too, but this
knuckling down to
the Germans shews
them to be no great
things themselves
There is an immense
deal of "claw me &
Ill claw you" with
bowing to Germans

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immaculate conceptions

I have fired a shot

at the thing "kaia"

but had "a grave

Berlin professor"

till last revise & I

put out Berlin. I

enclose a proof

that you may see

Dry cupping has

been tried, it has

made the skin looser

and I think straightened

the leg but it is still to

a certain degree locked

In speaking tonight

they both urged that

you should press

Lord Dalhousie

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now that the Parlia-

ment is going to be dissolved to ask for a Consulate - a definite promise in black & white. They will do anything for an influential man like him. It is only by pressing that anything can be got. You know him I suppose - If you think that I would do any good give me his address and I could write him at the same time or send my

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And I am to get no salary

letter to you if you think a reference to me would help. The way my brother got his was not through me except indirectly & so that I would not be blate to apply for another - I think that really it is high time that pressure should be applied for it is evident to me M^r Wild having spoken to Sir Roderick that after he had reported what I said to Lord Russell his Lordship must

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have said "See what Sir Roderick says first"

Suppose you put the case fairly to Lord Dalhousie - "no consulate on the whole 900 miles of coast which the Portuguese claim -

nor [on] an equal line
of Madagascar
where slaving is
going on &c &c.

The Comoro consulate
being a mere nothing
& the Zanzibar one
having too much
to do - then the
scientific results
to be expected besides

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the consulate having
by a vote of the Lords
being insisted on
but at Benn-batouk
-bay this would be
accomplished
without the Govern-
ment being forced
to follow the vote &c
anything that will
make a good case
if fairly in Lord
Dalhousies head
would I feel sure
help you, and so
many people app[...]
that unless pressure
is put on nothing
will be done -

I am &c David Livingstone