

Letter to Agnes Livingstone 3

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My Dearest Nannie

You have hit on an admirable plan, and here you see the influence of good example for I have adopted it too - I have duly received your III and as M^s Stearns despatches a ship on the 20th to Suez I begin a note to be in readiness for that occasion. I am getting very uneasy to be off - no word has yet come from the Admiral and as I am all ready to start I am not at all reconciled to delay - I have 12 men of the Marines & a Havildar or native officer ready to go at a moment's notice - Then 8 Africans from Nassick
Love to Madame Hocédé

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a Government school for the education of captured & liberated Africans - Five more from the Zambesi go part of the way, and two boys whom we once gave to Bishop Mackenzie - They have been at D^r Wilson's school here and have picked up English - Hindoostanee and Marathi so as to speak

a little of each - They read
English pretty well & D^r Wilson
thinks that they are fit for
baptism. This is pretty well
for 15 months education
One of them named Chuma
wrote a letter to Waller - and
the address was - M^r Waller
Those will form Chuma
the party say 23 - I have got
several volunteers in India
but declined them. If I had
D^r Kirk it would be different
but untried men are often a
nuisance. Fourteen buffaloes
M^r Stearns is an active American merchant

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and the calves are sent 30
off already - and should an
opportunity occur for me
to go I shall follow - I am
all ready.

I went up 300 miles
in Goozerat - & I think
sent my 338 from Surat
as well as one to M^{rs} Webb
in answer to what I received
from her - The country was
just like Africa - plants &
trees nearly identical - I saw
the buildings of which I
saw the photographs last
time I went down to M^r
Murray's at Wimbledon -
They are very fine, and
the carving is wonderfully
elaborate - The city of
Ahmeda-bad in which they
are found is a grand old
Indian one and a week
would have been well
spent in examining them
but I felt so anxious to be
His father a professor in a college - a brother
was killed in the war - good people all

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away from this that I spent

only one day - I saw a native
Christian village and was
gratified by the pleasant
expression of the women's
faces - The general appearance[...][s]
of the same clans but of heathen
women is not pleasing -
After service on Sunday
morning one came for-
ward & said she did not like
to see us going away fasting
would we take tea or milk -
I chose the latter and she gave
me a cup of buffaloe's milk
which is very white - and so
is the butter but it is pre-
ferred to cow's here - You see
the buffaloes lying in the water
during the day with their heads
only above the surface - I
stopped a day with M^r Taylor
he is quite alone as his wife
had to leave from bad health -
I was disappointed in not
meeting a M^{rs} Oliphant's daught[...][er]
or General Alexander Wilson