

Letter to Richard Southey, 4 March 1862

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R. Zambesi 4th March
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My Dear Sir

many thanks
for your kind attentions
to M^r L & self in sending
the letters & Newspapers
which came all safely
to hand - The mules too
were in excellent condition
and seem fine strong
animals - The carts &
harness all right - By the
kind assistance of
Captain Wilson & his officers
we had the greater part
of the hull put aboard
the Pioneer but the
Zambesi is in high
flood and more rapid
than we ever saw it

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It is indeed far too strong
a current for the Pioneer
with 35 tons in her, so
after spending 3 weeks in
getting up to Shupanga
we are obliged to unload -
put the hull together &
tow her ^ the new one up to the
cataracts - This will detain
us till may -

Seeing that we made
such miserably slow
progress Captain Wilson

acceded to the request of
Miss Mackenzie to be
taken forward to the
bishop in his gig - The
bishop was not found
at the Ruo as he engaged

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to be and we hear by the
return of one boat from
Shire the Captain had gone
on to near the cataracts
where he would send up
for the bishop and deliver
up his charge - she
is very weakly at best
and was ill when they
were kept by the return
boat. There is no doubt
but Ladies would be
a great boon to the
mission if they were
strong as Mrs. Burrup
appears to be, but
Miss Mackenzie's is
a peculiar case &
I have my fears

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Believe me
Dear Sir

Most Truly yours

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