

Letter to John Kirk 2, 21 July 1858

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13 Off Shupanga

My Dear D^r Kirk &c

We came to Mazaro
this morning about 9 ½ and
on going ashore among
a crowd of natives &
Portuguese was sickened
by the sight of headless
mutilated bodies lying
about - the Governor
having fever the officers
begged me to take
him on to Shupanga
I consented and while

My kindest salutations to you all

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waiting for him the firing
began a short distance
off - Everything was in
confusion and the com-
-mandant of Tete & M^r
Arzevedo & Colonel Nunes
all told me that the
man at Shupanga was
a thief and would
connive at the Landerus
robbing us of the goods
we intended to leave
it seems therefore decidedly
necessary for us to

go on to Senna - It would
be throwing them away
here - We shall be three

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days to that place now that
we know the way
My Dear friends you
must exercise patience
I would remain at
the island myself but
feel my presence necessary
where either natives
or Portuguese come to
us to make our objects
understood - If you
see any plan by
which we might hasten
our departure from
the island let me know
where I come down

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I still think the Portuguese
may help us but war
engrosses every thought
I go ashore here to try
& get some fowls sent
down to you - Examine
all the things and
use by all necessary
thing you like - I forgot
to say before leaving
that you ought to make
fresh bread for yourselves
the flour is under my
boxes. God bless &
preserve you all. Baines
is quite well now. May I
suggest a short morning prayer
again. We have been unable
to attend to this for some time past