

## Letter to Horace Waller, 28 November 1863

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Murcluson's Cataracts

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My dear Waller

The bishop gives me a different idea of the affair of the women and children. He wishes to avoid mixing the sexes on the station & after our Magomero experience with both English and Heathen I think the precaution a very wise one. I shall either take measures to have them supplied from M<sup>r</sup> Ferra's till

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they can raise a crop or take them to Johanna I have but little wish to make them Mahometans for my late experience of these Johanna men gives me a very low idea of their morals. If the boys were not taken up I would willingly have gone to the expense of sending all to the Cape in the hope that good bishop Gray would make something of the boys. but I dont wish to appear as if acting in opposition to the bishop of his mission. It is a

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pity that you separated yourself from them

for you might have been  
of great service by your  
experience and they  
might have been useful  
to you in various ways  
I came home here on  
31<sup>st</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> pretty tired  
after marching as the  
crow flies 660 geographical  
mile[...] about 1400  
of [...] friend Steward's  
standard miles - We  
are waiting anxiously  
for the rising of the  
waters - all very well  
thanks to a Higher Power  
We are all ready -

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I have little time to write; as  
I hope to see you soon it  
feels as if a work of  
supererogation - We send  
away a few Shupanga  
men as our native  
food runs low. Your  
friends from the hills came  
down with reinforcements  
and with the Mission  
Ajawa & [...] Makololo  
drove Mank[...] on to  
an island & bo[...] his  
village - two on each side  
wounded so saith vox  
populi - with every good  
wish I am &c

David Livingstone

lost a Johanna man yesterday  
by a crockodile