

Letter to Austin H. Layard, 9 August 1865

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48 Euston Square

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My Dear Sir

Allow me to

remind you that a
note, requesting a
sort of Firman
from the Sultan of
Zanzibar - and in
the event of my
not being able to
take my own
steamer, a passage

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in a man of war
across the Indian
Ocean, was intended
to be prepared before
my starting; and
as I am ready to
go on Monday
next (13th) so as to
meet the mail
of the 20th at
Marseilles. Would
you oblige me by
having the document
ready when I call

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to take leave of you
between 2 & 3 tomorrow
(Thursday) afternoon?

I have only one
boat - a whaler - with
the steamer and Captain
Richards suggests that
on application to
the Admiralty another
whaler would be
lent to me while

in the river Rovuma
This would enable
me to take my whole

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party up without any
separation. A sentence
in addition to the
request for a passage
saying that the loan
of a whaler is necessary
is all that is required
and you will oblige
your most obedient

David Livingstone
Austin Layard Esq M^r