

Letter to William Sunley, 4 March 1864

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My Dear Sunley

We left the
Zambesi on 15th ult.
The Ariel taking
the Lady Nyassa and
the Orestes the Pioneer
in tow. We had a
gale on the 16th & 17th
and readied this
on the 24th expecting
to find the Orestes
but she has not
yet come in sight

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2/ and possibly may
have gone on to Natal
Captain Chapman
had a great deal to
do in getting off a lee
shore with us in
tow and a hawser
wound round his
screw so as to stop
the engines - but
managed very nicely
and to my great
comfort with great
good humour - The
Lady Nyassa proved
herself a good seaboat

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though she did kick 3
about & no mistake

I hear that you
are bent on going to
England and I
shall be very sorry
to find you gone
and write this to
say which I hardly
need how glad
I should be to see you
at your own place
once more - Rae is
with me of course
and so is Waller
with some helpless
orphans & widows

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4 who having been
attached to the Mission
by Bishop Mackenzie
we did not think
it honourable to
abandon - They would
inevitably have been
sold or taken into
slavery and our
good English name
been dishonoured
thereby - We wish to
send them to the Cape,
Where possibly the
Orestes has taken
25 orphan boys who
were in similar plight
to our passengers

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The Johanna men
unfortunately diminished
by three are in the
Pioneer under Capⁿ
Gardner's care - He
will no doubt see

them safely to Johanna -
but we were in
such a hurry at
Kongone that no
arrangements could
be made and fully
expected to find
the Pioneer here -
one man died of
dysentery - one was
taken off by a crocodile

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6 close to the ship his
companions all
standing by but not
stirring to help him
and the third - a
slave imposed on us
and a native of
the country about
Nyassa ran away
& lived among his
people with three
or four wives - Before
we left he came &
asked his wages
which were of course
given him - I am
sorry that I have not
a better report to give

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of the conduct of the 7
rest than what you
gave of the Johannese
generally to the Mission[-]
-ary society -

We are going South
probably to Bombay
to sell Lady Nyassa
We are now getting a
yard & square[...] sail to
help us -

The Governor Gener[-]
-al went off to the
Cape in ill health two

days ago - poor fellow
He is red hot against
me I suspect from
finding that I had
reported his pro-slavery
proclivities as

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March 4'
8 unwittingly communi[-]
-cated to me by his
brother at Tette - He
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certainly never expected
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his brother to blab &
shew up his big brother
as the very antipodes
of what he professed
himself to be to the cruizer's
the late Governor of
Quillimane died 20 -
days after landing in
Lisbon - Bishop Tozer
was at Quillimane when
we passed, in the act of
bolting - the Orestes says
that he never intended
to settle in the country
Rae is writing so I will now
say Goodbye

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