

## Letter to Baldwin W. Walker, 19 March 1862

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Kongone Harbour 19<sup>th</sup> ~~May~~

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Admiral A.E. 315.

Sir Baldwin Walker

√ Sir

I have ventured  
to send D<sup>r</sup> Meller who has been  
suffering for some time from  
remittent fever and enlarged  
spleen to the Cape for change  
of air as recommended by  
D<sup>r</sup> Kirk and D<sup>r</sup> Ramsay,  
and I hope it may be in  
your power to afford him  
the benefits of the hospital  
for naval officers, for  
he well deserves any  
kindness that can be  
[...]bestowed - He is an excellent

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hardworking and amiable  
man, and an invaluable  
member of the Expedition.

Captain Wilson having  
provisioned us for three  
months, and Captain Oldfield  
having promised to arrange  
that a vessel should call on  
the 20<sup>th</sup> May next with a crew  
of Johanna men, I forego  
the intention of proceeding to  
Johanna for supplies, in the  
hope that the vessel which  
may call will be able to  
spare us as much as we  
shall need for six months.

We shall endeavour to be here from 20<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> of June - The shell of the steamer for Lake Nyassa will be then screwed together at Shupanga, and in the event of having provisions we shall go up to the cataracts and there remain till next

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year - I am anxious not to return till we have the steamer fairly on the Lake and taken a trip in her.

In the event of your sending any merchant ship with coals or provisions for the station to arrive opposite this before May, it would be a great service to us if you could ship ten good draught oxen, two cows and a Hottentot driver. The mules will carry all the light gear and provisions, and there being no tsetse oxen would do the rest - I have written to General Wynyard the acting Governor about the purchase of what we want but I beg you to remember that I do not contemplate animals coming by men of war - I refer only to a merchant vessel being freighted, and should that not occur soon the oxen & driver might be left in charge of the Portuguese officer at this port, at any future time.

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The provisions I have recieved from Captain Wilson and the prospect of more by the arrangements of Captain Oldfield for may next, will render the freighting of vessel from Natal

specially for us unnecessary.

I beg leave to add to the "demand"  
contained in another letter.  
spare gear for the boat, and  
materials for repairing boats.  
Hemp for Engineer  
20 or 30 feet of bulk's head  
angle iron  
1 or 2 iron plates  $\frac{3}{16}$  thick

I have the honour to be  
your most obedient servant  
David Livingstone