

Letter to [Horace Waller], 17 July 1863

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In medias Res as
some folks fond of sporting
their Latinity after they
have forgotten it would
date the spot from
which I write. . for it is
no where and we are
in the labor pains
of transport - I cannot
say that we have
not succeeded pretty
well so far but it
promises to be a
tedious job and that
would do for me
Listening to the counsel

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of my fellow travellers
as I have often done
before I write in
hopes of your assistance
they say that there
are many Ajawa
about you who would
willingly carry the
boat as far as we
need it borne if you
would recommend
them to do so. I shall
pay them in brass
wire the same as I
sent to you in thickness
five rods each man
which make 20 ring

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a quantity of beads but
more I cannot specify
otherwise than if they
prefer the light blue

called by the Makololo
"Nyassa beads" it will
not be less than 20 strings
each. If white pink
or green 1 ₧ each or
more and say two
fathoms of fine
calico prints as
handkerchiefs - a
string or two of large
neck beads blue &
white and knives
each But would

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pay aught else you
determine as knowing
them better than I do
only work hard they
must and bring their
own provisions
with them - and no
stealing can be allowed
from the few Menganja
we pass.

If it can be arranged
that they want for
my return to be paid
I might be able to
satisfy them better
with some odd things
I may find about

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but in case they prefer
to be paid as soon
as the work is done
may I beg the favour
of your giving M[£]
George the list afore
mentioned with the
names of the men
and he will pay them
in my absence

Now my dear
man as quick as
may be convenient
please - I did not
think of giving in

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to the labour but it
came heavy on me
and would use me
up pretty well ere
I get on the water
and no pleasure
be the result. If they
won't go let me know
as quickly as possible
about forty would
do if strong fellows
If I had no idea of
your having so
many about you
as I might have

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sought them sooner

With kind regards
to Rowley whom
I hope to hear as
quite recovered
from his illness
and to M^sAlington
with blessings on
yourself. I keep
Whately & Stephen
please to read &
deliver at Morambala
after our return

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M^s Young will
send a man up
with them to us

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I have thought over the
affair of the boys
women & children
and will arrange with
M Ferrad to send
food sufficient for
them for a year at
my expense - so take
whom you think
right - if the bishop
repudiates I shall
take all off his

hands but remember
if Mesquita is there
he is a spy & must
not know our
plans - if Bishop
Mackenzie had

[0010]

no authority to receive
the captives Bishop
Tozer shall not have
it in his power to
disgrace our glorious
& generous old English
church. Before the
year is out we shall
hear from home about
them. Let all be done
quietly here

Sorry to repeat that
Moerimar & Seseego's
wives have been
taken away by Ajawa
others will follow -
It ought to have been

[0011]

the other way the
Makololo ought to have
taken the wives of the
Ajawa but being
six and half a dozen
except that the Ajawa
in addition to the wives
of the Makololo are
low thieves anyone
who maintains the
goodness of either or
the irreclaimable
badness of either has
not learned the first
lesson in native
character

thanks for all your
kindness. Do you
think it possible
that the bishop would

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lend Thornton's boat to
Pioneer. we could sail

it up from the Bar
with any mail that
may come in the
ship that takes off
Pioneer - or if we
had it from this to
Morambala we could
manage with a canoe
beyond - If you will
mention this subject
to him - He may not be
cordial with one and
I cannot at present
write - Am taking the
steward - Have your
box all ready to go
& any thing else you like

With kind good wishes
I am &c David Livingstone