

## Letter to Horace Waller, 28 April 1863

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[0001]

28<sup>th</sup> April 1863  
My dear Waller  
D<sup>r</sup> Mellr very  
willingly volunteered  
to run down & see  
Procter, and I hope  
your mind will  
be relieved somewhat  
by his Presence and  
Procter by his advice.  
Those who are  
going are D<sup>r</sup> Kirk  
M<sup>r</sup> C. Livingstone  
Magrath - Pearce  
Saunders - Newell

[0002]

Wilson - Ali & Mabruck  
my brother & D<sup>r</sup> Kirk  
will take all their luggage  
with them - The canoe  
for which I thank  
you heartily, the big  
green boat and  
M<sup>r</sup> Thornton's - I  
wish the boats to  
be brought up at  
once with anything  
Jose Nunes may  
have purchased - but  
it must be by  
Shupanga people  
If we can get the  
men we had to

[0003]

Johanna & Rovuma

they are a good rowing  
and poleing crew  
but this we dont  
make sure of - I  
have requested D<sup>r</sup>  
Kirk to engage ten  
Shupanga men to  
allow those we  
have to retire - two  
of them wished to  
go today and brought  
all the others to say  
they would go too  
I have no objection  
to them going but  
they must give me

[0004]

timely warning - Pennel  
wishes to go also -  
and Meller would fain  
join the stampede by  
ignoring seven months  
absence from service  
I take - this ill as  
it takes me aback  
while had I been  
forewarned I should  
have had all in  
train - He will go  
by July. I am  
sorry to part with  
my brother & Kirk  
but they have  
honourably served

[0005]

their time and more  
But I am not down[-]  
hearted I feel rather  
lightened because  
most of the money  
spent on this Expedition  
has not been on  
the objects primarily  
in view but in  
birds beetles &

pebbles. The Great  
Scientific men  
crowded around  
me when it was  
known I was  
going out and every  
one had his claim

[0006]

for a man in his  
speciality. I yielded  
and in order to  
give each an opportunity  
of distinguishing him[-]  
self allowed all  
his collections to go  
home in his own  
name and in his  
own charge. We shall  
see if this leads to  
the mineral and  
vegetable wealth  
being made better  
known - Henceforth  
I am at my own  
proper work and

[0007]

looking around on  
this devastated valley  
I feel with Lord  
Palmerson that the  
slave trade must be  
put down before  
lawful commerce  
can succeed.

Our first load  
will be our black  
whaler and I shall  
try and make our[-]  
selves independent  
of the South for  
fresh provisions  
& native food.  
I have proposed  
to Galdino to have

[0008]

Jaõ of Shupanga bring  
up our man of war  
stores if Lito declines  
I mentioned Clarke's  
case to the captain  
who may call & said  
his expenses would  
be borne by the bishop

Thanks for the  
Brandy & gin. I  
enclose your note  
for £8 - £5 will  
do at present - give  
it to D<sup>r</sup> Kirk -  
I am concerned  
for Procter but  
Meller will direct

[0009]

you - If his tongue  
has brown fur on  
it I would without  
hesitation give  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  chachin doses  
of calomel- the  
others here who are  
better acquainted  
with the treatment  
that ought to be  
pursued would  
probably not agree  
in this - We have  
had no discussion  
on the point but  
I have found them  
efficaceous very

[0010]

I sympathize in  
your difficulties  
but what are they  
for but to be  
surmounted - a  
grey ox took a sulky

fit and behaved  
like a perfect  
heathen on our  
way home when  
we were just coming  
in in triumph.  
all four legs straight  
out held back all  
the others & ploughing

[0011]

the ground with his  
toes - left him in  
the yoke alone & then  
of course he had  
to try & bring the  
waggon himself  
I pray that we  
may be directed  
to strive for and  
bend all our  
energies in the  
right direction &  
surely he who  
bore our griefs  
and carried our  
sorrows will  
hear in his mercy

[0012]

the cry of his poor  
creatures  
Last night was the  
anniversary of my  
Mary's death. that  
bitter sorrow is some[-]  
what healed and I  
think of her as looking  
down with her wonted  
interest in our work  
thanks for your  
letter - and many  
for the insects. My  
brother will see her  
sooner than Kirk  
Ever Affectionately  
David Livingstone