

## Letter to Horace Waller, 24 April 1863

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Cataracts 24<sup>th</sup> April 1863

My dear Waller

D<sup>r</sup> Kirk & I consider the value of the boat will fully be covered by £5. This arrangement will prevent any grumbling on the part of the heir. It must be used to carry Ali & Mabruk with their luggage first.

Be so kind as look into Poor Thornton's boxes for any manuscripts or other things that his friends are likely to value as keepsakes, and have them ready for me by, say Tuesday next to clap

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into a box which I take from thus with all similar things I dont wish to stay more than necessary with my motley crew.

We tried our oxen yesterday & found them difficult to manage after such long idleness. For a heavy load double the number are necessary so I mean to send to Senna for some more. They know the Tsetse & will avoid it. This may be a route for cattle for us all but in the mean time I dont know whether M<sup>r</sup> Ferraõ will sell any and I offer young

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cows to each as wages - rather  
too much for a constancy

These sad events - Scudamore  
Dickinson - Thornton called  
away in addition to the  
losses of the bishop &  
Burrup cast a deep  
gloom over our future  
I should not wonder in the  
least to be recalled. For  
should the Portuguese  
persist in keeping the  
rivers shut there would  
be no use in trying  
to develop trade - they  
have cleared this valley of  
people - I put it on  
them because famine

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from drought never utterly  
exterminates - The lower  
parts below Elephant marsh  
would all have been  
cultivated & have yielded maize  
in abundance & saved  
multitudes. The people  
lost all spirit in consequence  
of hunger & disturbance  
This is the way the case  
appears to me. The  
slaving was the root of  
all the evil & slaving  
has depopulated the  
valley - In my case  
duty would not lead  
me home & home therefore  
I would not go - The

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Lady Nyassa would not be  
paid for by Government  
if the Expedition were given

up because I would  
not apply for it though  
it cost me double  
what I intended - I meant  
to ask for half only &  
that when successsfully  
launched on the Lake -  
This however is between  
ourselves - I wish to  
devote everything I have  
to the service of our Lord  
and only wish that.  
he may lead my children  
to do the same - Come what

[0006]

may I have found it to be  
a capital good thing  
to "Commit thy way unto  
the Lord" &c. - and to cast  
all cares on Him who  
really & truly does care  
for us -

Kind regards to Procter  
Rowley is well but he  
looks more haggard now  
than he used to do - He  
will write you about  
Clarke should you think  
of sending him - Any  
commission I can

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execute for you down bye  
I am at your service

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