

Letter to John Kirk 2, 5 or 6 November 1859

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My Dear D^r Kirk18

You will no
doubt be disappointed
at not finding us
here - but there is
no help for it as
we are sinking.
We waited at
>Shamoara till
yesterday morning
(5th) - We had
made a good deal
I saw hardship for paper you see

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of water and had
to pump during the
night while Rowe
was away - but -
lying in a still
place the leak seemed
to fill up. As you
did not make
your appearance
I resolved to run
down here for
food for the crew -
and went to bed
last night all night

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In the morning
we found the righ[...]
hand after hold h[...]
forehold as well

as stoke hole with
a large quantity of
water - This is
in addition the the
constant leak where
the men sleep - Tried
to stop the leak in
after hold & failed
We have to pump
every little while

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the only chance of
saving her is to get
her beached without
loss of time. We are
Therefore cutting wood
today & will run down
tomorrow to Kongone
I leave a whaler for
you - You must just
do the best you
can in the case - I
leave your letters - On
tom you will see how
We have a small square
box of tin for you besid[...][e]
My brother is better
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