

Letter to Henry Rowley, 15 March 1862

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My Dear M^r Rowley

This is a terrible
blow to the mission &
makes me very much
depressed in view
of the effect it will
have on all our
efforts - However we
must not swerve
from the work we
have undertaken
come what will and
I trust you will all
feel the importance
In January - She is much too deep & long
Excuse this hasty note we are starting

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of sticking more closely
together and supporting
each other than ever -
Remember pray that
the eyes of the most
influential people in
England are upon you
and should anything
present you doing
your duty manfully
you will be set down
as a parcel of canting
hypocrites that ought
never to have been en-
trusted with anything

Let every little difference
dwindle into insignificance
before the great work
for the sea hoping this may find you

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in which you are engaged
Excuse my saying so
much in the hortatory
style -

We could not carry up
35 tons of the new steamer
took 3 weeks to come
up to Shupanga - un[-]
loaded 5 tons there - tried
again and were forced
to unload all - put her
together and tow her up
in May next - you
will see how entirely
it is out of our power
to serve you with this
steamer as I would -
We are entirely out of
provisions - and have
no prospect of getting
in health & good spirits I am &c
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any except by going to
Johanna - and should
we be too late for the
ascent of the Shire will
lose a season - Then
the bishop came down
in Nov^r he wished to go
down to the Ruo & explore
upwards but I objected
very strongly as the rains
fell every afternoon and
would knock him up -
Well we went down one day
and then were detained over
6 weeks with a large marsh
on each side of us & lost
our first man in the
Expedition - we stood two

days 1 mile above Ruo but
on 1st January no bishop
could be heard of - We did
not reach the sea till late