

Letter to Horace Waller, 30 July 1862

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1862
My Dear Waller
We met the Ariel
Captain Oldfield on 24th
and took in provisions
but next day foul
weather made us run
in and him run out.
On 26 at 5 P.M. we
went out over a tremendous
bar got a boat from
him - delivered our letters
and ran in again - The
captain is going home
but will be out in
15 months - He is promoted

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We ran around three
times in coming down
and saw a prospect
of very low water
both in Zambesi
and Shire a month
or six weeks hence -
We got no Johanna
men & Ariel was going
to the Cape so we must
go to Johanna for a
crew and it is likely
that we may spend
the months between
August & Nov^r or Dec^r
in boat exploration

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of the Rovuma - This
will be better work
than slowly threading our
way up to you -
I told Vianna about

the cheating perpetrated
against Blair and
he only uttered a few
Devil's blessings on
"these cursed negroes"
I have a £5 cask of wine
on board for you - Scudi.
would not like it
so you must pitch
into him - 2 bales of
blue cloth are bespoke -
& ready for you -

We are getting ready
for sea - I send you

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mail up to Thornton
and tell him to get
Vianna to send it on
at your expense - I do
so because Vianna
may be gone as he
intended to Quillimane.
and in Thornton's hands
it will be safe -

The bishop is gone to
England for another head
for you and there he
will be successful -
You are not to get a
steamer but I need
not tell you what will
no doubt be better told
in your letters

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As for your ultimate
success there can be
no doubt of it. You
will meet with trials
difficulties and
hinderances from without
and from within - but
it is God's own
work and he will
ensure its triumph.

From a hint I see
in a Cape paper M^r
Stewart had written to
M^r Noble the editor
of the Advertizer about

some abstrudions he

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he imagined had been
thrown in his way at
Natal - and M^r Hawkins
had called on the Editor
in consequence and
explained that nothing
had been done by him.
I am very sorry that
any sort of unfriendly feeling
should appear in public
I am conscious of but
one feeling of respect
and love for both
parties and am sure
that there is room
enough and to spare
for all who may

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wish to promote Christs
kingdom in this region.
If I might venture
to suggest the more
noble course to you.
To shew yourselves as
superior to any petty
feelings by acting as
if you knew it not.
In time asperities will
wear off - You must
excuse my impertinence
in this presumptuous
hint.

Captain Oldfield is
disappointed to hear
that you have not by
this time houses

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as good as Sunley's
I explained the difficulties
but he does not realize
them - We hope to
meet the Gorgon at
Johanna - We have
a box I think of medicines
for you - and I shall
bring up your cloth

& grog in January
if possible - In the mean
time. My Dear Friend
keep up your heart
remembering Him who
is with you & always
will be -

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