

## Letter to Edward Glover, 17 October 1862

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Dear Sir

We were obliged to  
come into this river to cut wood  
a few days ago & when on our  
way down met a boat from to  
M.S. Rapid with your letter  
and lots of provisions for the  
Oxford & Cambridge mission  
As we are full of provisions  
we cannot possibly take them  
on board our deck even being lumbered  
up with draught oxen. I came  
up with the man of war's boat

which led me to fill a sheet of foolscap & I am not half  
through so it is his own fault. The necessary consequence  
in fact of his letter I cannot finish mine  
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and have arranged with Colonel  
Nunés to send down his launch  
to take the mission provisions  
I must say he behaves very  
handsomely in the matter for  
everyone else refuses to lend  
either launch or boat but by  
promising to tow this one out  
and in again over the bar he has  
kindly assented to my request  
He is a good fellow and his  
nephew José Mellitás Nunes  
is no less. Waller was down  
here lately (5<sup>th</sup> October and took  
what provisions & grog he could

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get. I am glad to see plenty  
of medical comforts. ~~very~~They will  
be very acceptable. I believe  
they all felt better for the brandy  
we took up part of the way  
and this fresh supply will  
no doubt be useful too -  
should their reverences ever  
get "drunk and disorderly" thereon  
they have the capital excuse  
that it was the "necessary  
consequence" of my having  
towed it over the bar. In my  
simplicity I have invariably

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ascribed my mistakes to my  
own stupidity or worse & imagined  
it would have been unmanly  
to blame another for what I had  
deliberately done - but the longer one  
lives the more one learns (sage  
observation)and our friends up  
Shire are our friends still and  
I hope will be to the end of the  
chapter. Thanks for your  
kind letter, and be good enough  
to communicate the little inform[-]  
-ation I have at present to give  
to the bishop. I rejoice that a  
new bishop will come. Mistakes  
and disappointments will happen  
but the end of all these Christian  
efforts will be glorious. Please  
present kind salutations to your  
Lady & say to M<sup>r</sup> Frere that I shall write  
him as soon as possible. He put ^ me on a tack