

## Letter to William Sunley, 4 March 1864

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[0001]

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My Dear Sunley

We left the  
Zambesi on 15<sup>th</sup> ult.  
The Ariel taking  
the Lady Nyassa and  
the Orestes the Pioneer  
in tow. We had a  
gale on the 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>  
and readied this  
on the 24<sup>th</sup> expecting  
to find the Orestes  
but she has not  
yet come in sight

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2/ and possibly may  
have gone on to Natal  
Captain Chapman  
had a great deal to  
do in getting off a lee  
shore with us in  
tow and a hawser  
wound round his  
screw so as to stop  
the engines - but  
managed very nicely  
and to my great  
comfort with great  
good humour - The  
Lady Nyassa proved  
herself a good seaboat

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though she did kick 3  
about & no mistake

I hear that you  
are bent on going to  
England and I  
shall be very sorry  
to find you gone  
and write this to  
say which I hardly  
need how glad  
I should be to see you  
at your own place  
once more - Rae is  
with me of course  
and so is Waller  
with some helpless  
orphans & widows

[0004]

4 who having been  
attached to the Mission  
by Bishop Mackenzie  
we did not think  
it honourable to  
abandon - They would  
inevitably have been  
sold or taken into  
slavery and our  
good English name  
been dishonoured  
thereby - We wish to  
send them to the Cape,  
Where possibly the  
Orestes has taken  
25 orphan boys who  
were in similar plight  
to our passengers

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The Johanna men  
unfortunately diminished  
by three are in the  
Pioneer under Cap<sup>n</sup>  
Gardner's care - He  
will no doubt see

them safely to Johanna -  
but we were in  
such a hurry at  
Kongone that no  
arrangements could  
be made and fully  
expected to find  
the Pioneer here -  
one man died of  
dysentery - one was  
taken off by a crocodile

[0006]

6 close to the ship his  
companions all  
standing by but not  
stirring to help him  
and the third - a  
slave imposed on us  
and a native of  
the country about  
Nyassa ran away  
& lived among his  
people with three  
or four wives - Before  
we left he came &  
asked his wages  
which were of course  
given him - I am  
sorry that I have not  
a better report to give

[0007]

of the conduct of the 7  
rest than what you  
gave of the Johannese  
generally to the Mission[-]  
-ary society -

We are going South  
probably to Bombay  
to sell Lady Nyassa  
We are now getting a  
yard & square[...] sail to  
help us -

The Governor Gener[-]  
-al went off to the  
Cape in ill health two

days ago - poor fellow  
He is red hot against  
me I suspect from  
finding that I had  
reported his pro-slavery  
proclivities as

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March 4'  
8 unwittingly communi[-]  
-cated to me by his  
brother at Tette - He  
Livingstone  
certainly never expected  
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his brother to blab &  
shew up his big brother  
as the very antipodes  
of what he professed  
himself to be to the cruizer's  
the late Governor of  
Quillimane died 20 -  
days after landing in  
Lisbon - Bishop Tozer  
was at Quillimane when  
we passed, in the act of  
bolting - the Orestes says  
that he never intended  
to settle in the country  
Rae is writing so I will now  
say Goodbye

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