

Letter to Baldwin W. Walker, 19 March 1862

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Admiral A.E. 315.

Sir Baldwin Walker

✓ Sir

I have ventured
to send D^r Meller who has been
suffering for some time from
remittent fever and enlarged
spleen to the Cape for change
of air as recommended by
D^r Kirk and D^r Ramsay,
and I hope it may be in
your power to afford him
the benefits of the hospital
for naval officers, for
he well deserves any
kindness that can be
[...]bestowed - He is an excellent

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hardworking and amiable
man, and an invaluable
member of the Expedition.

Captain Wilson having
provisioned us for three
months, and Captain Oldfield
having promised to arrange
that a vessel should call on
the 20th May next with a crew
of Johanna men, I forego
the intention of proceeding to
Johanna for supplies, in the
hope that the vessel which
may call will be able to
spare us as much as we
shall need for six months.

We shall endeavour to be
here from 20th May to 1st of
June - The shell of the steamer
for Lake Nyassa will
be then screwed together at
Shupanga, and in the event
of having provisions we
shall go up to the cataracts
and there remain till next

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year - I am anxious not to
return till we have the steamer
fairly on the Lake and taken a
trip in her.

In the event of your sending
any merchant ship with coals
or provisions for the station
to arrive opposite this before
May, it would be a great
service to us if you could
ship ten good draught oxen, two
cows and a Hottentot driver.
The mules will carry all the
light gear and provisions,
and there being no tsetse oxen
would do the rest - I have
written to General Wynyard
the acting Governor about the
purchase of what we want
but I beg you to remember
that I do not contemplate animals
coming by men of war - I refer
only to a merchant vessel
being freighted, and should that
not occur soon the oxen &
driver might be left in charge
of the Portuguese officer at this
port, at any future time.

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The provisions I have recieved
from Captain Wilson and the
prospect of more by the
arrangements of Captain Oldfield
for may next, will render the
freighting of vessel from Natal

specially for us unnecessary.

I beg leave to add to the "demand"
contained in another letter.

spare gear for the boat, and
materials for repairing boats.

Hemp for Engineer

20 or 30 feet of bulk's head

angle iron

1 or 2 iron plates $\frac{3}{16}$ thick

I have the honour to be
your most obedient servant
David Livingstone