

## Letter to Horace Waller, 21 April 1863

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My Dear Waller

I have to be  
the bearer of heavy tidings  
for Poor Thornton  
expired about 10 this  
morning. His case was  
serious when I wrote  
you yesterday but we  
had him on board the  
Pioneer and a place  
rigged up for him  
& hoped that the change  
and constant attendance  
here might with youth  
& an unimpaired

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constitution enable to weather  
the attack of which you  
saw the commencement  
He was delirious in the  
evening and continued so  
D<sup>r</sup> Meller was by him  
the whole night & did  
everything that man  
could do - We must  
bow to the will of Him  
who ordered all things.  
I feel the blow extremely  
and scarcely know what  
to say or what to think.  
We have a number of  
sick Magrath - Pearce  
& this morning Wilson  
with one Johanna man.

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My brother was down but is  
up again this morning

We have cut an opening  
in the vegetation for a few

miles and found a gradual  
slope up to the plateau. I  
would have tried the first  
load today or tomorrow  
but for our affliction

Whatever of Thornton's  
goods remain with your  
~~charge~~will of course  
be taken charge of carefully  
We must take up his bills  
for the sheep and goats.  
Clementino being an honest  
man no difficulty will  
arise. It was a prudent  
step to avoid complications

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with slaves - They have had a ba  
education and always retain  
the slavish character.

M<sup>s</sup> Young sends the tackle & block  
but of copper nails we have none  
something will be sent instead

I am glad that you like [^] [Rajah]Brooke  
He is a brick - though he has had  
to bear much misrepresentations  
I trust he will be seen coming  
out clear at last. Some sweet  
things have been said of your servant  
I keep them to place them over against  
the bitter - A minister once gave  
my wife great comfort by  
saying "he must [^] [take] the bitter with  
the sweet in Providence." I  
hope your sick are improving  
Present my kindest salutations  
& believe me Ever Yours

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