

Letter to Horace Waller, 26 March 1863

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1^o Above Mankokwe's

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My Dear Waller

I write a note
only by way of saying how
dye do as I expect soon to be
up - We are wooding or rather
searching for wood our
friend Mañkokwe having
neglected to cut any - and
we failed yesterday in getting
well away from his villages
by being compelled to separate
the vessels in order to get
through a shoal spot singly -
on our return I called on

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Mankokwe - He then began his
Makololo complaint and when
I said that as they too had a
mulando it would be better
to hear both sides face to face
just to give him an idea of the
other side I added it referred to
Mankokwe shooting at them
with arrows - This caused a
burst of laughter in which all
the company joined - Thinking
that I had made some mistake
I went over - the statement in
different words and another
hearty laugh shewed that his
attack was considered a good
joke - He proposed visiting
the ship and asked rather earnestly
if any Makololo were in it -

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During this visit he said nothing
about coming up in the ship to

face the Makololo - Nor did I -
We bought a little maize at a
very high rate and feel anxious
now about our black crew
as Vianna has evidently
played false with us - I shall
lose no time in starting
down river after reading
you - If any one here
understood yoking oxen
I should leave at once
now that D^r Kirk is here

I cannot tell you how
deeply I sympathize in
your affliction and I
pray daily that you
may be strengthened to
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endure and overcome at last.
Do get away to the Highlands
or move about more - no
one whose opinion is worth
anything will blame you -
I had written again & again to
friends at home that having
been driven into a corner
by slave hunting complications
I entertained grave fears for
you all - Come down & visit
us if you don't go up - or
Let Procter come we are
usually stirring about
though nominally stationary
and with one exception we
have brisk intercourse
With kindest salutations
to Procter & the others - I am &c

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