

## Letter to Lovell J. Procter, 27 January 1863

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Elephant Swamp

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My Dear Procter

Johnston brings  
the most distressing  
intelligence of the  
death of our  
beloved Scudamore  
I feel like Jacob's  
bretheren "What  
shall we say or  
what shall we  
speak" It is the  
Lord & yet it is  
[0002]

shall I say terrible  
It seems as if here  
we are to be tried  
as much as they  
were in the west  
may equal success  
follow. May the  
Almighty comfort  
you.

Will you take  
charge of a canoe  
for us with  
100 panjas of  
rice from Vianna  
or of mantiments

[0003]

not beans - which  
I write for. If  
S<sup>r</sup>Tito is at  
mouth of Shire  
and hear what  
he says about  
some rice I have

asked from him  
I am doubtful  
of Vianna now  
since he deceived  
us once. I advised  
Johnstone to go  
on & help you  
[0004]  
as he had come  
so far. We have  
met a new bank  
here. We came up  
quickly to this &  
now have lost  
a couple of days  
but will soon get  
on. We are all  
well thank God  
except Pearce who  
has been long down  
but is recovering

Ever Yours

David Livingstone  
[0005]

the Commandante of  
the mouth of the  
Shire told us that  
a canoe was  
seized by him  
with arms ammu-  
nition. Wines  
spirits &c For  
Marianno going  
up in name  
of the missionaries  
Oh the Willans!  
the Governor of  
[0006]  
of Quillimaine &  
the rest of them  
ought to be up a tree