

Letter to John Murray III, [1 March-30 July 1857]

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[0001]

Dear M^r Murray

I have just
glanced at a few
of the corrections
proposed and think
they are proper
as the word "urine"
the reason of putting
that incident in
is I know of
nothing which
[0002]

gives so good an
idea of the want
of water than that
of these acute fellows
with their wits
sharpened by thirst
watching till they
saw the bushmen
softening their
skins in the manner
described. I shall
leave it out.
[0003]

Many parts are
marked "meaning
obscure" I shall
examine carefully
whether that is
owing to the wits
of either your friend
or my own being
in that state -
probably it is my
language and I
may improve
the cases referred to
[0004]

one "My meaning horses
imported from ships"

Why I am rather
proud of my faults
not being greater
than this. Does
he really not know
what this means?
I shall be over
tomorrow afternoon
I send what you mention & Smith
for the binding.

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