

## Letter to James Hamilton, 28 November 1865

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My Dear D<sup>r</sup> Hamilton

I delivered myself  
of a paper at Malta  
but the cholera was  
there and as the  
production was  
very "seedy" I fear  
it fell a victim -  
for I have heard  
nothing about it  
since. I thought  
of writing you  
a sketch of my  
impressions of

[0002]

India today but  
I am too near post  
time now for any  
thing of the sort  
and as I am going  
off to Zanzibar  
in a few days I can  
send you only a  
gossiping little note  
You might let me  
know how you all  
are for you very soon  
will not be able -  
I shall soon dive  
into that darkness  
which broods over  
the region west of the  
Rovuma and may

[0003]

wear away to the

land of the Val &  
never come back  
I am going in a few  
days in a small  
steamer sent as a  
present to His Highness  
the Sultan. He was over  
here and gave me  
a Firman and carried  
the buffaloes for me  
in one of his ships.  
the buffaloes are to be  
tried as beasts of  
burden & an  
experim  
ent to see if they with  
stand the bite of the  
Tsetse - the Governor  
is an excellent man

[0004]  
would like to go with  
me himself were he  
20 years younger - would-  
nt you if Mrs Hamilton  
could spare you from  
home consumption  
I have seen many Irish  
Presbyterian bretheren  
& found them rather proud  
on hearing that D<sup>r</sup> H.  
was editor of the Evang.  
Christendom. You send  
it to them all. I am more  
than a Presbyterian - a  
highchurch Independent  
Baptist lowchurch  
Presbyterian jack of all  
trades &c. If you send  
it address care of Lennox  
Conyngham Esq. Foreign  
Office it will come free  
someday & so do all letters. My love &  
kind remembrances to you all  
David Livingstone  
not forgetting Aunt Julia & Lady Price