

Letter to John Kirk 2, 24 March 1865

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Have you Captⁿ Grants address?

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My Dear Kirk

I feel very much
annoyed at the
refusal to print
your reply. They
ought to have refused
Peters too, but this
knuckling down to
the Germans shews
them to be no great
things themselves
There is an immense
deal of "claw me &
Ill claw you" with
bowing to Germans
[0002]
immaculate conceptions
I have fired a shot
at the thing "kaia"
but had "a grave
Berlin professor"
till last revise & I
put out Berlin. I
enclose a proof
that you may see

Dry cupping has
been tried, it has
made the skin looser
and I think straightened
the leg but it is still to
a certain degree locked
In speaking tonight
they both urged that
you should press
Lord Dalhousie
[0003]
now that the Parlia-

ment is going to be
dissolved to ask
for a Consulate - a
definite promise in
black & white. They
will do anything
for an influential
man like him. It
is only by pressing
that anything can
be got. You know
him I suppose -
If you think that
I would do any
good give me his
address and I could
write him at the same
time or send my
[0004]

And I am to get no salary

letter to you if you
think a reference to
me would help. The
way my brother got his
was not through me
except indirectly &
so that I would not
be blate to apply
for another - I think
that really it is high
time that pressure
should be applied
for it is evident to
me M^r Wild having
spoken to Sir Roderick
that after he had
reported what I
said to Lord Russell
his Lordship must
[0005]
have said "See what Sir
Roderick says first"

Suppose you put the
case fairly to Lord
Dalhousie - "no consulate
on the whole 900
miles of coast which
the Portuguese claim -

nor [on] an equal line
of Madagascar
where slaving is
going on &c &c.

The Comoro consulate
being a mere nothing
& the Zanzibar one
having too much
to do - then the
scientific results
to be expected besides
[0006]
the consulate having
by a vote of the Lords
being insisted on
but at Benn-batouk
-bay this would be
accomplished
without the Govern-
ment being forced
to follow the vote &c
anything that will
make a good case
if fairly in Lord
Dalhousies head
would I feel sure
help you, and so
many people app[...]
that unless pressure
is put on nothing
will be done -

I am &c David Livingstone