

Letter to William O. Livingstone, [26 October 1862]

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On the morning of 23^d about 2A.M. deemed that we drew near Mohilla though no land was the day before and for the day as a sea was running - We to as sailors say that is the edges of the sails as the wind as possible sail in front and one one behind so the ship does go but leans over to the . the Pioneer rose like a duck over the huge waves we stood peering through gloom and when day dawned Mohilla lay before us and round it we anchored

[0002] the fort of the Queen. Soon a came off with outriggers to it from being upset by the and our old friend Abdullah to welcome us. this will an idea of a canoe with out rigger. Two sticks are across the canoe and a flat piece to their ends keeps it from over . Sometimes

there are two on each side of the canoe. We a mongoose on board very funny little beast like a rat. We did not that it took any notice people but as soon as strangers came on board Abdullah he ran and tried bite their feet as if to say business have you in

[0003] ship. The Queen gave us bullock in a present and went and called on her - but only a part of her face she had on what is called yasmak which covers nose and cheeks. Her children had patches of on their faces I from a superstitious of the evil eye. I asked [...] [then to put some on] my [...] [but the Queen's] husband ugly old man said laughing is only for little children took a walk yesterday 25th up the hill - saw lots of as large as half grown . they are called flying foxes

[0004] are of a golden yellow colour the neck breast & back & head is shaped like a foxe's head have eaten them and thought good - but at present we the queen's ox - and dont for bats or such like vermin are now 26th steaming to Johanna where this will be for transmission to you. the Lord be with you bless and guide you

[...]

Thanks to the Lady who
at wrote in your letters Mama -