

## Letter to Horace Waller, 6 February 1866

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My Dear Waller

I am to be here until  
the Penguin comes to  
take me to Rovuma  
Bay. Nine of my  
buffaloes died. It seems  
to be a plant that kills  
so I have only six left  
to experiment upon.  
but I may get more  
or camels as I am  
intent of getting inde  
pendent of carriers  
from one chief to  
another & if I succeed  
it wont be lost time  
[0002]

I need scarcely say  
that though I should be  
able to move along in  
dependence on my own  
party alone I shall try  
and avoid all sort  
of brow beating. The poor  
Baron van der Deken  
made a great mistake  
in never losing an  
opportunity of shewing  
the contempt in which  
he held the natives -  
He never believed that  
any one of them would  
dare to touch a Baron  
bold. Thrust away  
the hand of the chief in  
[0003]  
disdain when he offered  
it in token of friendship

that mans people killed  
him. That nasty  
negrophobia spirit  
which is spreading in  
England wont do to  
travel with. Though  
it may do for spouting  
with at the R.G.S.  
The poor baron quarelled  
with every one here -  
refused as D<sup>r</sup> Steere  
told me to come to church  
because Tozer prays  
for the Sultan. Wasnt  
he a Knight Templar  
& bound to extirpate all  
Turks & infidels!

[0004]

The Mission is to all  
intents a chaplaincy &  
they seem to do that work  
well. They have about  
25 boys & girls. D<sup>r</sup> Steere  
has printed a sort of  
handbook of Suaheli &  
I have no doubt will  
in time do good for  
no where can christians  
live as Christians ought  
but they must have  
a beneficial influence  
This is all I can  
give you. The boys  
behave well. Anna  
takes after Rowley  
talkative & useless  
I am &c David Livingstone