

Letter to Edward Glover, 17 October 1862

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Dear Sir

We were obliged to
come into this river to cut wood
a few days ago & when on our
way down met a boat from to
M.S. Rapid with your letter
and lots of provisions for the
Oxford & Cambridge mission
As we are full of provisions
we cannot possibly take them
on board our deck even being lumbered
up with draught oxen. I came
up with the man of war's boat
which led me to fill a sheet of foolscap & I am not
through so it is his own fault. The necessary consequence
in fact of his letter I cannot finish mine
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and have arranged with Colonel
Nunés to send down his launch
to take the mission provisions
I must say he behaves very
handsomely in the matter for
everyone else refuses to lend
either launch or boat but by
promising to tow this one out
and in again over the bar he has
kindly assented to my request
He is a good fellow and his
nephew José Mellitás Nunes
is no less. Waller was down
here lately (5thOctober and took
what provisions & grog he could
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get. I am glad to see plenty
of medical comforts. ~~very~~[They] will
be very acceptable. I believe
they all felt better for the brandy
we took up part of the way

and this fresh supply will
no doubt be useful too -
should their reverences ever
get "drunk and disorderly" thereon
may hence the capital excuse
that it was the "necessary
consequence" of my having
towed it over the bar. In my
simplicity I have invariably
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ascribed my mistakes to my
own stupidity or worse & imagined
it would have been unmanly
to blame another for what I had
deliberately done - but the longer one
lives the more one learns (sage
observation) and our friends up
Shire are our friends still and
I hope will be to the end of the
chapter. Thanks for your
kind letter, and be good enough
to communicate the little inform-
-ation I have at present to give
to the bishop. I rejoice that a
new bishop will come. Mistakes
and disappointments will happen.
but the end of all these Christian
efforts will be glorious. Please
present kind salutations to your
Lady & say to M^r Frere that I shall write
him as soon as possible. He put [^] [me] on a tack