

## Letter to Austin H. Layard, 28 September 1865

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From D<sup>r</sup>David Livingstone

Bombay

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My dear M<sup>r</sup> Layard

Having nothing official to write about I this private note to say that I am preparations for starting in when the monsoon changes, & we hope a Man of War will be here. have got 8 Africans & some drilled men

- Indians - of the Marine Battalion who been accustomed to rough it in the Persian Gulph & are said to be quite .

In addition to these I intend to take as beasts of burden, & I am in hope that they may the poison of the Tsetse, & they do we shall confer a great boon on East Africa. The brutes are as like our African ones as two peas, except the , & I am told the horns of the tame are often straightened [out] artificially have seen several with the regular of the wild ones.

The men of the Marine Batallion Indians know how to manage .

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The Sultan of Zanzibar is coming here shall make what arrangements are when he comes, & then I land at Rovuma without , & when we get to the coast, I acquainted with Rev<sup>d</sup> D<sup>r</sup> Wilson you may remember at

Constantinople

I am &<sup>c</sup>

David Livingstone

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