

## Letter to John Murray III, [1 March-30 July 1857]

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[0001]

Dear M<sup>r</sup> Murray

I have just  
glanced at a few  
of the corrections  
proposed and think  
they are proper  
as the word "urine"  
the reason of putting  
that incident in  
is I know of  
nothing which  
[0002]

gives so good an  
idea of the want  
of water than that  
of these acute fellows  
with their wits  
sharpened by thirst  
watching till they  
saw the bushmen  
softening their  
skins in the manner  
described. I shall  
leave it out.  
[0003]

Many parts are  
marked "meaning  
obscure" I shall  
examine carefully  
whether that is  
owing to the wits  
of either your friend  
or my own being  
in that state -  
probably it is my  
language and I  
may improve  
the cases referred to  
[0004]

one "My meaning horses  
imported from ships"

Why I am rather  
proud of my faults  
not being greater  
than this. Does  
he really not know  
what this means?  
I shall be over  
tomorrow afternoon  
I send what you mention & Smith  
for the binding.

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