

## Letter to Charles A. Alington, 18 February 1865

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My Dear M<sup>r</sup> Alington

From what

you say in your

second note

about the box I

have no doubt but

it belonged to poor

Thornton and

you had better send

it on to his brother

George Thornton

39 Great Horton Road

Bradford-

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At first flush I thought

one of our long -

lost four has turned

up but from its

coming by Orestes

it must have been

slipped by mistake

out of M<sup>r</sup> Youngs

charge.

After recieving

your note I got a

letter from M<sup>r</sup> John

Moffat in Mos-

ilikatze's country

The old man has

lost much of his

influence but does

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not use it against

the mission as he

once did. They are

free to speak and

preach as much

as they like. He has

still a great number

of cattle & people.

I wish to get an

opening into the  
country North of the  
Portuguese, possibly  
by the Rovuma.  
and if you will  
go in & occupy  
after that you  
may do a good  
work. the work  
I do will be afoot  
chiefly - but

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nearly all new - I get  
a good many offers  
of service and from  
some odd people -  
Shall I hand over  
a lady's application  
to you. The book will  
be out I hope in a  
month or six weeks

I have not heard  
a word of M<sup>r</sup> Ferraõs  
son. Senhor Tito is  
dead. Zulus went across  
the Zambesi at Shigogu  
some 30 years ago & up  
to Nyassa's Northern  
end. Can you speak  
Zulu The Arabs call  
The Manganja Wa  
Nyassa & the Agawas  
or Waizau call them

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so too. It is probably  
the derivation - the  
elephant marsh was  
called Nyanjamukuru  
and that near  
Moranubala Nyanja  
ia motope (or mud)  
or Nyanja Spangous  
The Portuguese ministry  
now claim the  
discovery of Nyassa  
properly Nyanya on  
the ground that the  
people of Senna  
sailed into the Great

Hetta lakes (These  
names imply - the  
cataracts were not within

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way it seems of old

I dont know about  
the three breasted  
woman - but a  
female general of  
Zulus of old did  
wonders up at &  
beyond the Zambesi

There are lots of  
the spider you mention  
in the Bechuana  
country. When the  
door is open you  
know he is out  
he is a formidable  
looking fellow

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the horns may be  
those of the Pallah  
but you dont  
shew the twist of  
the Pallah - In front  
it is a little  
harpshaped

There is Angus'  
buck in that  
quarter too

Cold enough here  
I assure you &  
snowing as if it  
would never tire

I am yours &c

David Livingstone

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