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My Dear Sunley

I fear that you will feel yourself sadly bored by letters pouring in on you from all sides, I have written you by way of India - by Sir Thomas Maclear at the Cape & now by $D^{\underline{r}}$ Meller who kindly takes charge of this [0002]on his way to his con--sulate in Madagascar My object is to ask you to assist me to get 20 or 25 natives of Johanna as carriers on my next trip. I intended to take Belooches but Col. Rigby dissuades me from so doing. I would take Johanna men entirely and if you can say trust to getting them or not as the case may be write to me care of G.M. Stewart Esq [0003]at Mess^{rs} Remmington & Co. Bombay. I have only £500 from Foreign Office - £500

from Royal Geo. Soc^y

and £1000 from a private friend. & am not disposed to be illiberal within my means. I propose £1 per month for common men as it is not skilled labour, and more such as you would direct for headmen and a cook. If you can manage this for me and [0004]let me know that you can before I leave Bombay I would ask the man of war that takes me over to come to you. I am doubtful if I can bring my steamer across again. & will go up Rovuma in boats. I would need an engagement for 20 months or so. Hoping this may find you in good health. I am &c

David Livingstone