

## Letter to Horace Waller, 30 July 1862

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My Dear Waller

We met the Ariel  
Captain Oldfield on 24<sup>th</sup>  
and took in provisions  
but next day foul  
weather made us run  
in and him run out.  
On 26 at 5 P.M. we  
went out over a tremendous  
bar got a boat from  
him - delivered our letters  
and ran in again - The  
captain is going home  
but will be out in  
15 months - He is promoted  
[0002]

We ran around three  
times in coming down  
and saw a prospect  
of very low water  
both in Zambesi  
and Shire a month  
or six weeks hence -  
We got no Johanna  
men & Ariel was going  
to the Cape so we must  
go to Johanna for a  
crew and it is likely  
that we may spend  
the months between  
August & Nov<sup>r</sup> or Dec<sup>r</sup>  
in boat exploration  
[0003]

of the Rovuma - This  
will be better work  
than slowly threading our  
way up to you -

I told Vianna about

the cheating perpetrated  
against Blair and  
he only uttered a few  
Devil's blessings on  
"these cursed negroes"  
I have a £5 cask of wine  
on board for you - Scudi.  
would not like it  
so you must pitch  
into him - 2 bales of  
blue cloth are bespoke -  
& ready for you -

We are getting ready  
for sea - I send you  
[0004]  
mail up to Thornton  
and tell him to get  
Vianna to send it on  
at your expense - I do  
so because Vianna  
may be gone as he  
intended to Quillimane.  
and in Thornton's hands  
it will be safe -

The bishop is gone to  
England for another head  
for you and there he  
will be successful -  
You are not to get a  
steamer but I need  
not tell you what will  
no doubt be better told  
in your letters  
[0005]  
As for your ultimate  
success there can be  
no doubt of it. You  
will meet with trials  
difficulties and  
hinderances from without  
and from within - but  
it is God's own  
work and he will  
ensure its triumph.

From a hint I see  
in a Cape paper M<sup>r</sup>  
Stewart had written to  
M<sup>r</sup> Noble the editor

of the Advertizer about  
some abstrudions he  
[0006]  
he imagined had been  
thrown in his way at  
Natal - and M<sup>r</sup> Hawkins  
had called on the Editor  
in consequence and  
explained that nothing  
had been done by him.  
I am very sorry that  
any sort of unfriendly feeling  
should appear in public  
I am conscious of but  
one feeling of respect  
and love for both  
parties and am sure  
that there is room  
enough and to spare  
for all who may  
[0007]  
wish to promote Christs  
kingdom in this region.  
If I might venture  
to suggest the more  
noble course to you.  
To shew yourselves as  
superior to any petty  
feelings by acting as  
if you knew it not.  
In time asperities will  
wear off - You must  
excuse my impertinence  
in this presumptuous  
hint.

Captain Oldfield is  
disappointed to hear  
that you have not by  
this time houses  
[0008]  
as good as Sunley's  
I explained the difficulties  
but he does not realize  
them - We hope to  
meet the Gorgon at  
Johanna - We have  
a box I think of medicines  
for you - and I shall  
bring up your cloth  
& grog in January

if possible - In the mean  
time. My Dear Friend  
keep up your heart  
remembering Him who  
is with you & always  
will be -

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