

## Letter to Austin H. Layard, 9 August 1865

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My Dear Sir

Allow me to  
remind you that a  
note, requesting a  
sort of Firman  
from the Sultan of  
Zanzibar - and in  
the event of my  
not being able to  
take my own  
steamer, a passage

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in a man of war  
across the Indian  
Ocean, was intended  
to be prepared before  
my starting; and  
as I am ready to  
go on Monday  
next (13<sup>th</sup>) so as to  
meet the mail  
of the 20<sup>th</sup> at  
Marseilles. Would  
you oblige me by  
having the document  
ready when I call

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to take leave of you  
between 2 & 3 tomorrow  
(Thursday) afternoon?

I have only one  
boat - a whaler - with  
the steamer and Captain  
Richards suggests that  
on application to  
the Admiralty another  
whaler would be  
lent to me while  
in the river Rovuma  
This would enable

me to take my whole

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party up without any  
separation. A sentence  
in addition to the  
request for a passage  
saying that the loan  
of a whaler is necessary  
is all that is required  
and you will oblige  
your most obedient

David Livingstone

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