

## Letter to John Kirk 2, 24 March 1865

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My Dear Kirk

I feel very much  
annoyed at the  
refusal to print  
your reply. They  
ought to have refused  
Peters too, but this  
knuckling down to  
the Germans shews  
them to be no great  
things themselves  
There is an immense  
deal of "claw me &  
Ill claw you" with  
bowing to Germans

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immaculate conceptions  
I have fired a shot  
at the thing "kaia"  
but had "a grave  
Berlin professor"  
till last revise & I  
put out Berlin. I  
enclose a proof  
that you may see

Dry cupping has  
been tried, it has  
made the skin looser  
and I think straightened  
the leg but it is still to  
a certain degree locked  
In speaking tonight  
they both urged that  
you should press  
Lord Dalhousie

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now that the Parlia-  
ment is going to be  
dissolved to ask  
for a Consulate - a  
definite promise in  
black & white. They  
will do anything  
for an influential  
man like him. It  
is only by pressing  
that anything can  
be got. You know  
him I suppose -  
If you think that  
I would do any  
good give me his  
address and I could  
write him at the same  
time or send my

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letter to you if you  
think a reference to  
me would help. The  
way my brother got his  
was not through me  
except indirectly &  
so that I would not  
be blate to apply  
for another - I think  
that really it is high  
time that pressure  
should be applied  
for it is evident to  
me M<sup>r</sup> Wild having  
spoken to Sir Roderick  
that after he had  
reported what I  
said to Lord Russell  
his Lordship must

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have said "See what Sir  
Roderick says first"

Suppose you put the  
case fairly to Lord  
Dalhousie - "no consulate  
on the whole 900  
miles of coast which

the Portuguese claim -  
nor [on] an equal line  
of Madagascar  
where slaving is  
going on &c &c.

The Comoro consulate  
being a mere nothing  
& the Zanzibar one  
having too much  
to do - then the  
scientific results  
to be expected besides

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the consulate having  
by a vote of the Lords  
being insisted on  
but at Benn-batouk  
-bay this would be  
accomplished  
without the Govern-  
ment being forced  
to follow the vote &c  
anything that will  
make a good case  
if fairly in Lord  
Dalhousies head  
would I feel sure  
help you, and so  
many people app[...]  
that unless pressure  
is put on nothing  
will be done -

I am &c David Livingstone

Have you Capt<sup>n</sup> Grants address?

And I am to get no salary