

## Letter to Charles A. Alington

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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> Young 's  
charge.

After  
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. he 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> Ferraõ 's  
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 don 't 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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he horns may be  
those of the Pallah  
but you don 't  
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

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