

Letter to Horace Waller, 23 May 1863

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Cataracts 23^d May 1863

My Dear Waller

Many thanks
for the kind invitation
to visit. I am not
insensible to the goodness
that prompted it,
but I am weak
& disinclined to move
or speak. The diarrhoea
is ceasing and I
am afraid to risk
a relapse by sitting
[0002]
in the canoe. I am
moreover recovering
as fast as may
be after losing so
much flesh.

The canoe came
yesterday afternoon
and I sent it
down again with
25 lbs of pork
& 25 lbs of beef
and will be glad
of anytsetse meat
you can spare[.]
[0003]

It rained from 10 AM
yesterday right on
till dark and
threatens today as
if it had lost its
senses. If it was
as wet down at
the canoe I pity the
~~voyagers~~ voyagers[.]
If they meet

your mission
their coming
will be welcomed

Kindest salutations
to Proctor & Rowley

David Livingstone
[0004]

Can you lend us a
rat trap? We have
3 kittens & mean a
pair for you.
All our garden
seeds proved bad
save melons &
cuccumbers - which
are of a very
good kind[.]
[0005]

For M^{rs} G. Williams with M^r Horace
Waller's kind regards.

Mem: This letter was written at
Ma Litti at the foot of the Cataracts on
the Shiré river: the D^r had been suffering
from a severe attack of Dysentery
just before. We were 12 miles below at
Chibisa's

H W.