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Dear Admiral

We have remained
a few days longer here
than was needful on
account of the weather
being unsettled and a
blow was expected.
We take six trained
oxen from M^r Sunley
who very kindly
parts with them at
a low price though
it would be his interest
to keep them to get
in his sugar crop.
& intend to sail 2 days hence

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We lost a crew of
Johanna men they
ran away they said
because M^r Young
thrashed them in
my absence up
Rovuma. I engaged
eleven more who
seem a more likely
lot than the others

I have to beg
your attention to an
affair of King our
leading stoker. His
wife is reported to
him to be living
with another man
He wished to cut

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off his allowance to
her at once but I
advised him to be
cautious as it might
turn out to be a false
report. He has asked
M^{rs} Young to see if
she (M^{rs} King) is living
openly with another
man and if so to
report to you so
that the pay she
draws may be
stopped. Any expense
for his child he
will freely give
I hope it may turn
[0004]
out not so bad as
he has been led to
believe

Meller is with us
again - but his spleen
is not reduced as
we hoped - he
is a capital fellow

Will you send
the invoice or bill
of lading of anything
for us to Frederick
J. Rutherfoord Esq-
Cape Town. He
will look after it
con amore. All the
beer is drunk by
some scamps at Cape
[0005]
I am deeply grieved
to hear of the death
of your friend D^r MacWilliam Our
condensing apparatus
has decidedly improved
our health & when
we can isolate the
fore & aft compartments
from the coal dust of
the engine room which
putrifies I anticipate

still better results

With kindest compt^s

I am &c

David Livingstone