

Letter to Horace Waller, 28 November 1863

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Murchuson's Cataracts
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My dear Waller

The bishop gives
me a different idea of
the affair of the women
and children. He wishes
to avoid mixing the
sexes on the station &
after our Magomero
experience with both
English and Heathen
I think the precaution
a very wise one. I shall
either take measures
to have them supplied
from M^r Ferra's till

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they can raise a crop
or take them to Johanna
I have but little wish to
make them Mahometans
for my late experience
of these Johanna men
gives me a very low idea
of their morals. If the
boys were not taken up
I would willingly have
gone to the expense of
sending all to the Cape
in the hope that good
bishop Gray would make
something of the boys.
but I dont wish to
appear as if acting in
opposition to the bishop
of his mission. It is a

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pity that you separated
yourself from them

for you might have been
of great service by your
experience and they
might have been useful
to you in various ways
I came home here on
31st Oct^r pretty tired
after marching as the
crow flies 660 geographical
mile[s][...] [or] about 1400
of [...] [your] friend Steward's
standard miles - We
are waiting anxiously
for the rising of the
waters - all very well
thanks to a Higher Power
We are all ready -
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I have little time to write; as
I hope to see you soon it
feels as if a work of
supererogation - We send
away a few Shupanga
men as our native
food runs low. Your
friends from the hills came
down with reinforcements
and with the Mission
Ajawa & [...] Makololo
drove Mank[...] on to
an island & bo[...] his
village - two on each side
wounded so saith vox
populi - with every good
wish I am &c

David Livingstone

lost a Johanna man yesterday
by a crocodile