

Letter to Horace Waller, 3 July 1863

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[0001]

I have to write despatches. Will you let
me know before the bishop goes down

Cataracts of Shire

3^d ~~August~~[July]

1863

My Dear Waller

We send
down a bit of beef
for you and such
of your companions
as can eat it - and
pray their acceptance
of the same. Meller
tells me that the
new bishop is
vegetarian - alas
for the goats! You
remember Dean

[0002]

Ramsay's story about
"What will the [...] [poor]
whales do now" or
something to that effect
I am very glad to
hear that now
you have a head &
an energetic one too
but very sorry to
think of the feeble
health of our friend
Procter. I trust that
the the complaint will
soon take a turn -
we were all the better
of our trip though

[0003]

some had sneezings
after coming back
to the ship. I feel
about ½ a horse

power stronger -
took 7 days from
the boat to this -
making it a pleasure
& not a toil to
search for level
paths. The boat
was burned by
(say the Manganja)
the Ajawa - by
accidental burning
of the grass say
we for the
[0004]
trees for 50 yards
adjacent were killed
by fire and all the
debris - copper iron
&c were left where
the boat fell.

We got plenty of
guinea fowl but no
game could be seen
for the long grass -
people beginning
to cultivate - but in
fear & trembling
of the Ajawa - could
get no news of the
country beyond
[0005]
has been good to
write me a note of
condolence and begs
kind words to you
all. I think if
you have no objection
I had better hand
over all Thornton's
things to the mission
namely 2 Rifles &
their gear with
the bills - to be sent
to his brother - one
to shew that we have
liquidated it & the other to
be paid Clemantino

David Livingstone

Private

I had come to the conclusion that no good could be done by this Expedition while the subjects of His Most Faithful Majesty were allowed to follow on our footsteps and spoil all by their slave forays and told Earl Russell this distinctly - He does not refer to this

Are you done with the Camera Lucida?
[0006]

in his instructions to withdraw as it would perhaps be impolitic in a statesman to do so - We cant go down till the next flood in December without abandoning the Pioneer - and shan't attempt it sooner I would have come down to welcome Bishop Tozer but have much to do here and I hope he may be content with a welcome on paper which I now send - My eldest boy had arrived at Natal on his way to join us He will be one hand in our free crew at least in Lady Nyassa M^{rs} Burrup