

Letter to William Sunley, 4 March 1864

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My Dear Sunley

We left the
Zambesi on 15th ult.
The Ariel taking the
Lady Nyassa and the Orestes the Pioneer
in tow. We had a
gale on the 16th & 17th
and readied this
on the 24th expecting
to find the Orestes
but she has not
yet come in sight

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and possibly may
have gone on to Natal
Captain Chapman
had a great deal to
do in getting off a lee
shore with us in
tow and a hawser
wound round his
screw so as to stop
the engines - but
managed very nicely
and to my great
comfort with great
good humour - The
Lady Nyassa proved
herself a good seaboat

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though she did kick
about & no mistake

I hear that you
are bent on going to
England and I

shall be very sorry
to find you gone
and write this to
say which I hardly
need how glad
I should be to see you
at your own place
once more - Rae is
with me of course
and so is Waller
with some helpless
orphans & widows
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who having been
attached to the Mission
by Bishop Mackenzie
we did not think
it honourable to
abandon - They would
inevitably have been
sold or taken into
slavery and our
good English name
been dishonoured
thereby - We wish to
send them to the Cape
where possibly the
Orestes has taken
25 orphan boys who
were in similar plight
to our passengers
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The Johanna men
unfortunately diminished
by three are in the
Pioneer under Cap^{tain}
Gardner's care - He
will no doubt see
them safely to Johanna -
but we were in
such a hurry at
Hongone that no
arrangements could
be made and fully
expected to find
the Pioneer here -
one man died of dysentery - one was
taken off by a crocodile

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close to the ship his
companions all
standing by but not
stirring to help him
and the third - a
slave imposed on now
and a native of
the country about
Nyassa ran away
& lived among his
people with three
or four wives - Before
we left he came &
asked his wages
which were of course
given him - I am
sorry that I have not
a better report to give

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of the conduct of the
rest than what you
gave of the Johannesburg
generally to the mission
-ary society -

We are going South
probably to Promtery
to sell Lady Nyassa
We are now getting a
yard & square[...] sail to
help us -

The Governor Gener
-al went off to the
Cape in ill health two
days ago - poor fellow
He is red hot against
me I suspect from
finding that I had
reported his pro-slavery
proclivities as

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unwittingly [March 4'] communi
-cated to me by his
brother at [Livingstone] Tette - He
certainly never [?? 11 March 1864] expected
his brother to blab &

shew up his big brother
as the very antipodes
of what he professed
himself to be to the cruizer's
the late Governor of
Quillimane died 20
days after landing in
Lisbon - Bishop Tozer
was at Quillimane when
we passed, in the act of
bolting - the Orestes says
that he never intended
to settle in the country
Rae is writing so I will now
say Goodbye

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