

Letter to Charles A. Alington, 18 February 1865

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My Dear M^r Alington

From what
you say in your
second note
about the box I
have no doubt but
it belonged to poor
Thornton and
you had better send
it on to his brother
George Thornton
39 Great Horton Road
Bradford-

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At first flush I thought
one of our long -
lost four has turned
up but from its
coming by Orestes
it must have been
slipped by mistake
out of M^r Youngs
charge.

After recieving
your note I got a
letter from M^r John
Moffat in Mos-
ilikatze's country
The old man has
lost much of his
influence but does

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not use it against
the mission as he
once did. They are
free to speak and

preach as much
as they like. He has
still a great number
of cattle & people.

I wish to get an
opening into the
country North of the
Portuguese, possibly
by the Rovuma.
and if you will
go in & occupy
after that you
may do a good
work. the work
I do will be afoot
chiefly - but

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nearly all new - I get
a good many offers
of service and from
some odd people -
Shall I hand over
a lady's application
to you. The book will
be out I hope in a
month or six weeks

I have not heard
a word of M^r Ferraõs
son. Senhor Tito is
dead. Zulus went across
the Zambesi at Shigogu
some 30 years ago & up
to Nyassa's Northern
end. Can you speak
Zulu The Arabs call
The Manganja Wa
Nyassa & the Agawas
or Waizau call them

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so too. It is probably
the derivation - the
elephant marsh was
called Nyanjamukuru
and that near
Moranubala Nyanja
ia motope (or mud)
or Nyanja Spangous

The Portuguese ministry
now claim the
discovery of Nyassa
properly Nyanya on
the ground that the
people of Senna
sailed into the Great
Hetta lakes (These
names imply - the
cataracts were not within

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way it seems of old

I dont know about
the three breasted
woman - but a
female general of
Zulus of old did
wonders up at &
beyond the Zambesi

There are lots of
the spider you mention
in the Bechuana
country. When the
door is open you
know he is out
he is a formidable
looking fellow

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the horns may be
those of the Pallah
but you dont
shew the twist of
the Pallah - In front
it is a little
harpshaped

There is Angus'
buck in that
quarter too

Cold enough here
I assure you &
snowing as if it
would never tire

I am yours &c

David Livingstone

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