

Letter to Austin H. Layard

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48 Euston Square

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My Dear Sir

Allow me to
remind you that a
note, requesting a
sort of Firman
from the Sultan of
Zanzibar - and in
the event of my
not being able to
take my own
steamer, a passage

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in a man of war
across the Indian
Ocean, was intended
to be prepared before
my starting; and
as I am ready to
go on Monday
next (13th) so as to
meet the mail
of the 20th at
Marseilles. Would
you oblige me by
having the document
ready when I call

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to take leave of you
between 2 & 3 tomorrow
(Thursday) afternoon?

I have only one
boat - a whaler - with
the steamer and Captain
Richards suggests that
on application to

the Admiralty another
whaler would be
lent to me while
in the river Rovuma .
This would enable
me to take my whole

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party up without any
separation. A sentence
in addition to the
request for a passage
saying that the loan
of a whaler is necessary
is all that is required
and you will oblige
your most obedient

David Livingstone

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