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My Dear Waller

I am to be here until
the Penguin comes to
take me to Rovuma
Bay. Nine of my
buffaloes died. It seems
to be a plant that kills
so I have only six left
to experiment upon.
but I may get more
or camels as I am
intent of getting inde
pendent of carriers
from one chief to
another & if I succeed
it wont be lost time

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I need scarcely say
that though I should be
able to move along in
dependence on my own
party alone I shall try
and avoid all sort
of brow beating. The poor
Baron van der Deken
made a great mistake
in never losing an
opportunity of shewing
the contempt in which
he held the natives -
He never believed that
any one of them would
dare to touch a Baron
bold. Thrust away
the hand of the chief in

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disdain when he offered

it in token of friendship
that mans people killed
him. That nasty
negrophobia spirit
which is spreading in
England wont do to
travel with. Though
it may do for spouting
with at the R.G.S.
The poor baron quarellled
with every one here -
refused as D^r Steere told me to come to church
because Tozer prays
for the Sultan. Wasnt
he a Knight Templar
& bound to extirpate all
Turks & infidels!

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The Mission is to all
intents a chaplaincy &
they seem to do that work
well. They have about
25 boys & girls. D^r Steere
has printed a sort of
handbook of Suaheli &
I have no doubt will
in time do good for
no where can christians
live as Christians ought
but they must have
a beneficial influence
This is all I can
give you. The boys
behave well. Anna
takes after Rowley
talkative & useless
I am &c David Livingstone