

Letter to John Kirk 2 and Robert L. Playfair, 30 May 1869

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From Jno Kirk, Esq Polit Agent & Her Majesty's , Zanzibar to C. Gonne, Esq Sec^y Gov^r of Bombay

I have the honor to enclose herewith for information of the Right Hon^{ble} the Governor Council, the copy of a letter from D^r dated 30th May 1869 and at Zanzibar this evening.

The requests made by D^r Livingstone a previous communication that reached the 7th ult having been already complied I shall lose no time in supplying things herein demanded. There will be some difficulty in getting men as the Arabs of Unyanyembe of the El Haothi tribe are by no loyal subjects of Syud Majid, and, D^r Livingstone tells us still engaged the slave trade.

Dated 30th May 1869 D^r David Livingstone Jno Kirk, Esq Polit Agent, Zanzibar

This notes goes by Inusa Kamaals, was employed by Koorji to drive the hither, but by overdriving them in the sun, and tying them to save trouble in herding, they all before he got to Unyanyembe. He the plundering of my goods

[0002] got a share of them, and I have him beads and cloth sufficient to buy for himself on the way back Zanzibar. He has done nothing here. neither went near the goods here, nor to prevent their being stolen in the . I supposed that pay for four in coming other four of rest four in going back would be , but I leave this to your decision. could not employ him to carry my back nor can I say anything him, for he at once goes to the and gives his own version all he hears. He is untruthful and conditioned, and would hand off mail to anyone who wished to it. The people here are like Kilwa traders, haters of the English. Zanzibar men whom I met this and Nyassa were gentlemen traded with honor. here, as in the of the Kilwa horders, slaving is series of forays, and they dread ex-by my letters. No-one will take of them. I have got Thani bin to take a mail privately for to Unyanyembe. It contains cheque on Ritchie, Stewart & Co. of Bombay, for Rupees 2000 and some forty letters during my slow recovery. I it may never reach you. A party sent to the coast two months ago. man volunteered to take a letter secretly his master warned them all not to

[0003] so because I might write something did not like. He went out with the and gave orders to the head man destroy any letter he might detect on way. Thus, though I am good friends with them all, I can get no in procuring carriers, and as you will if the mail comes to hand I send Zanzibar for fifteen good boat men act as carriers if required, 30 pieces Meritrane, 40 pieces of Kimitra, 12 of the beds called Jannsam, shoes &c. and I have written to Syud Majid two of his guard to see to the safety the goods here into Thani bin Suellim's or into those of Mahomed bin Saleh.

As to the work to be done by me it only to connect the sources which I discovered from 500 to 700 miles of Speke and Baker's with their Nile. The volume of water which north from Lat. 12° south is so I suspect, that I have been at the sources of the Congo well as those of the Nile. I have go down the eastern line of drainage Baker's turning point. Tanganyika, Nyige, Chowambe (Baker's?) are one water, the head of it is 300 miles south this. The western

and central lines drainage converge into an unvisited west or south-west of this. The of this, whether to Congo or Nile have to ascertain. The people west of

[0004] , called Manyema, are cannibals if speak truly. I may have to go first, and down Tanganyika, if come out uneaten, and find my squad from Zanzibar. I earnestly that you will do what you can help me with the goods and men.

£400 to be sent by M^r Young must have come to you through and Co.

P.S. A long box paid for to Ujiji was left at Unyanyembe and so with other .