

## Letter to John Kirk 2, 13 May 1865

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the warm stream of humanity  
chilling all who came near them.

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My Dear Kirk

Agnes wont  
undertake the selection  
of a vignette so I  
must do the best  
I can. you remember  
a sphex which  
used to kill tsetse  
a long bodied rakish  
craft of an insect  
I dont know its  
native name but  
[0002]

They have £17000 yet!

Oswell called today  
and he thought of it  
I shall take the  
scroll to Murray  
on Monday Morn-  
ing & see what he  
thinks. I set Waller  
to draw a man  
in a slave stick &  
the slave trader  
holding the end  
with a gun in his hand

The sewing would  
be better see if you  
[0003]

Agnes sends kind regards &  
thanks for the offer of a ticket  
and so do I to your mother. Hoping  
she is better I am &c David Livingstone

cant light on something  
better. We have a  
birds eye view of  
the falls as a Front-  
ispiece - from one  
I sent home in 1860  
Palms however are  
home manufacture  
It gives a good idea  
of them.

Waller called with  
Alington yesterday  
the latter would  
like to go with me  
and I believe pay  
his own expenses  
as he did with  
the mission. He is  
[0004]  
a good fellow -  
knows a little Zulu from  
going into Panda's  
country. I told him  
what we have for  
the whole thing  
£500 from F. O.  
£500 from RGS  
and £1000 from  
a private friend.  
I would rather go  
alone than take  
any one untried  
I suffered too much  
from Bedingfield  
& co. I would be  
delighted if we could  
be together but I fear  
[0005]  
the money wont  
reach a salary  
Could Lord Dalhousie  
not manage a salary  
for you - I mean  
to go up Rovuma

to where we turned  
in boats - Make  
Ndonde's a depot  
for goods - Not  
many for I dont  
mean to waste  
men as Speke &  
Burton did. nor  
go in grande array  
twenty or twenty  
five Indians Sir  
Bartle Frere told me  
that they were [...]  
[0006]  
faithful - I would  
not bring them into  
contact with Zanzibar-  
ites at all. Then go  
up along Rovuma  
westwards of whom  
we heard as good &  
having many buffaloes  
in their country - then  
get into communication  
with the Mazitu if  
they are still further  
west - and if they  
are to the South go  
among the Manganja  
who are great  
elephant hunters about  
[0007]  
Bemba and work  
quietly west.

We were always in  
too great a hurry  
last expedition I  
would have more  
time & get better  
acquainted with  
the natives and  
try to give them  
some idea of our  
objects as we go  
along.

I told Alington that  
I would take tea  
coffee & flour to last  
a long time but not

much else - & that  
[0008]  
he might think about it

What do you say to a  
talk with L<sup>d</sup> Dalhousie  
about it? I shall be  
here till 23<sup>d</sup>.

Thanks for the  
information about  
poor Baikie. It is  
very sad. I did not  
quite believe Mays stories

Of course I shall keep  
it secret but it does  
appear sad, and enough  
to discourage the F.O.  
altogether.

Rowley talked 2 hours  
yesterday. Waller called  
the anthropologists  
Icebergs floating down