

## Letter to John Kirk 2, 17 February 1862

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Pioneer Maruru

about 1° above  
Paulo's 17<sup>th</sup> Feby

1862 -

My Dear D<sup>r</sup> Kirk

Our progress is  
frightfully slow - creeping & scarcely  
that - if Vienna would cut wood  
at Shamo or Bandeira D<sup>o</sup>  
please make an agreement  
with them - I fear we shall not  
get up to Ruo before the officers  
must leave - Captain Wilson  
wishes your company - &  
should the bishop meet you  
at Ruo - you will not be so  
much needed as a guide - Wood  
burned off at frightful rate  
makes me fear that we must  
unload part at Shamo or sooner

[0002]

[We can only go at night after the breeze springs up. I feel very sorry at our slow progress chiefly on account of the friends with us. If Captain Wilson wishes you to go on, and I believe he does at present you may go up to the Bishops. We are all well Meller a little better]

I am etc  
David Livingstone

We cannot do without Rae if we unload he must help us Captain Wilson will give him a few provisions to last till we come. We hope to near Mazaro tonight