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Pioneer Maruru about 1° above Paulo's $17^{\frac{th}{}}$ Feby 1862 -My Dear D^r Kirk

Our progress is frightfully slow - creeping & scarcely that - if Vienna would cut wood at Shamo or Bandeira D^o 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

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