

## Letter to William Sunley

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My Dear Sunley

We left you  
on Wednesday and were down  
within 30 miles of the Zambesi  
on Monday, but our coals were  
expended and the wind being  
contrary we bore away to the  
Quillimane River to cut wood  
We saw Prince Mahomets  
boat close in shore about half  
past one - we were scarcely a  
mile from the beach and a  
heavy sea was beating towards  
the land. I ran up the ensign  
to the masthead and doubled  
back on our course as a hint  
to him to come out to us but he  
paid no attention & held on  
towards the town. I was afraid

then if he does not do well it is his own look out  
Rae has just come to say that the negotiation  
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of running on the reef if we  
approached him. We then went  
on to the town and saw a boat  
attempt to put off and give up  
the case as hopeless - the heavy  
sea was breaking on the reef  
I felt sorry I could not deliver  
your message to Prince Mahomet  
but the obstinate way in which  
he held on his course when he  
could have come out to us in  
half an hour convinced me that  
he was led by his less worthy  
companion. The glass was  
lower than we had seen it at  
Johanna and as it would have  
been a useless risk of life to

land we hurried on and by  
evening had got into a much  
calmer sea. I had ordered a

for the engine and sugar mill seems to  
going on favourably  
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man called Abdullah to get  
fresh meat - fowls - vegetables &c  
and bring them off without  
waiting to come off to be told  
what to bring - If you will  
kindly pay him for what  
he expended I shall feel much  
obliged - I am anxious that he  
does not lose by trusting to my  
word - The amount would be  
about 30 lbs of meat 2 dozen  
fowls with a few bushels of  
potatoes - cassava &c. Abdullah  
is a sort of factotum of the  
Queen & general interpreter

I am in Colonel Dunes house  
and have given your invitation  
with which he seems much  
pleased - We see D<sup>r</sup> ~~ere~~ Crux's  
field of Bourbon sugar cane  
totally neglected. and the size  
of rat's tents - It is moreover  
planted in a sandy salt place -  
The olen look well & the Johanna  
men are doing well.  
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40 of our English crew had to brought  
down to the ship by soldiers  
victims of grog. We have met  
the Rapid here with Captain  
Jago whom you may remember  
as first Lieutenant of the  
Hermes  
cattle overland from this  
and will go in a day or two to  
the Zambesi - The river has  
not yet begun to rise. Rae  
has had a little touch of fever  
otherwise we are all well -

With kind recollections of

your kindness I am most  
sincerely yours

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P.S. Robert my eldest boy is going  
to Edinburgh College. I suppose Prof  
Playfair has obtained influence over  
him. This agrees with my desire to  
give him a good education &