

## Letter to Horace Waller, 3 July 1863

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[0001]

I have to write despatches. Will you let  
me know before the bishop goes down

Cataracts of Shire  
~~3<sup>d</sup> August~~[July]  
1863

My Dear Waller

We send  
down a bit of beef  
for you and such  
of your companions  
as can eat it - and  
pray their acceptance  
of the same. Meller  
tells me that the  
new bishop is  
vegetarian - alas  
for the goats! You  
remember Dean  
[0002]  
Ramsay's story about  
"What will the [...] [poor]  
whales do now" or  
something to that effect  
I am very glad to  
hear that now  
you have a head &  
an energetic one too  
but very sorry to  
think of the feeble  
health of our friend  
Procter. I trust that  
the the complaint will  
soon take a turn -  
we were all the better  
of our trip though  
[0003]  
some had sneezings  
after coming back  
to the ship. I feel  
about ½ a horse

power stronger -  
took 7 days from  
the boat to this -  
making it a pleasure  
& not a toil to  
search for level  
paths. The boat  
was burned by  
(say the Manganja)  
the Ajawa - by  
accidental burning  
of the grass say  
we for the  
[0004]  
trees for 50 yards  
adjacent were killed  
by fire and all the  
debris - copper iron  
&c were left where  
the boat fell.

We got plenty of  
guinea fowl but no  
game could be seen  
for the long grass -  
people beginning  
to cultivate - but in  
fear & trembling  
of the Ajawa - could  
get no news of the  
country beyond  
[0005]  
has been good to  
write me a note of  
condolence and begs  
kind words to you  
all. I think if  
you have no objection  
I had better hand  
over all Thornton's  
things to the mission  
namely 2 Rifles &  
their gear with  
the bills - to be sent  
to his brother - one  
to shew that we have  
liquidated it & the other to  
be paid Clemantino

David Livingstone

>Private

I had come to the conclusion that no good could be done by this Expedition while the subjects of His Most Faithful Majesty were allowed to follow on our footsteps and spoil all by their slave forays and told Earl Russell this distinctly - He does not refer to this

Are you done with the Camera Lucida?  
[0006]

in his instructions to withdraw as it would perhaps be impolitic in a statesman to do so - We cant go down till the next flood in December without abandoning the Pioneer - and shan't attempt it sooner I would have come down to welcome Bishop Tozer but have much to do here and I hope he may be content with a welcome on paper which I now send - My eldest boy had arrived at Natal on his way to join us He will be one hand in our free crew at least in Lady Nyassa M<sup>rs</sup> Burrup