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

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