

Letter to Horace Waller, 21 April 1863

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My Dear Waller

I have to be
the bearer of heavy tidings
for Poor Thornton
expired about 10 this
morning. His case was
serious when I wrote
you yesterday but we
had him on board the
Pioneer and a place
rigged up for him
& hoped that the change
and constant attendance
here might with youth
& an unimpaired

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constitution enable to weather
the attack of which you
saw the commencement
He was delirious in the
evening and continued so
D^r Meller was by him
the whole night & did
everything that man
could do - We must
bow to the will of Him
who ordered all things.
I feel the blow extremely
and scarcely know what
to say or what to think.
We have a number of
sick Magrath - Pearce
& this morning Wilson
with one Johanna man.

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My brother was down but is

up again this morning

We have cut an opening
in the vegetation for a few
miles and found a gradual
slope up to the plateau. I
would have tried the first
load today or tomorrow
but for our affliction

Whatever of Thornton's
goods remain with your
~~charge~~will of course
be taken charge of carefully
We must take up his bills
for the sheep and goats.
Clementino being an honest
man no difficulty will
arise. It was a prudent
step to avoid complications

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with slaves - They have had a ba[d]
education and always retain
the slavish character.

M^s Young sends the tackle & block
but of copper nails we have none
something will be sent instead

I am glad that you like [^][Rajah] Brooke
He is a brick - though he has had
to bear much misrepresentations
I trust he will be seen coming
out clear at last. Some sweet
things have been said of your servant
I keep them to place them over against
the bitter - A minister once gave
my wife great comfort by
saying "he must [^][take] the bitter with
the sweet in Providence." I
hope your sick are improving
Present my kindest salutations
& believe me Ever Yours

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