

## Letter to Horace Waller

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[0001]

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My Dear Waller

Thanks for your  
very welcome letters &  
also for the silk under  
shirts the most com-  
fortable things I ever  
wore. We must go to  
Johanna for various  
reasons - and intend  
to start in a day or two.  
This is a grievous  
delay as the water is  
now very low. Something  
has occurred to prevent  
Captain Oldfield sending

[0002]

a ship between 20<sup>th</sup> May &  
1<sup>st</sup> June as he intended.  
Rae was very ill with  
dysentery, and I took him  
away to breathe the  
sea air - came up on  
12<sup>th</sup> June & put the  
steamer in the water -  
and everything into her -  
and hearing from  
a Lieutenant Burlton  
who has volunteered,  
that the Penguin past  
Quillimane on 15<sup>th</sup> ( ult)  
without giving us  
any provisions. I must  
go & get them. This is  
a grievous loss of  
time but it will all  
turn out for the best

[0003]

We shall not meet old  
Seedy as he died of cholera  
about the beginning of  
this year - & will have  
some work beating  
back.

If Chibisa could be  
aided without com-  
promising the mission  
with the Portuguese  
it might be done - but  
he was the active agent  
in passing the Tette  
slavehunters up and  
across Shire to hunt  
the Manganja and  
I am not quite sure  
but he may have a  
hand in aiding those  
now in the Ajawa camp

[0004]  
you can trust none of  
them - they are degraded  
to the lowest point the  
devil can effect moral  
and we can scarcely enter  
into their feelings in the  
unprotected state in which  
they spend their lives -  
I have told Chibisa's  
people what I think of  
his conduct in aiding  
the Azungo to do to the  
Manganja what they  
now do to him and  
will write immediately  
to the Governor against  
Belshore.

The conduct of the  
black English will not

[0005]  
hurt you much. The  
people soon learn the  
difference and will  
value you the more.  
I am sorry for it  
however. I told Chibisa's

people that though I had  
brought them they were  
not slaves and were  
accountable for their  
actions as much as he  
is himself. I hope they  
have not gone up  
by the cataracts as that  
would place difficulties  
in our way in the  
transport.

I bespoke 2 bales of  
calico from Vianna

[0006]  
and intend to ship them  
in a day or two but  
Scudmore says that  
you need any  
for six months at least  
I shall bring them at  
any rate. I bought a  
small cask of wine  
such as we spoke of  
2 for ourselves &  
1 for you. It costs  
£5 and Vianna says  
will be between 50 & 60  
bottles. That too we  
shall bring - when we  
come say 2 months  
hence.

[0007]

I have suggested to Procter  
to begin translation as  
a means of reducing  
the language. If you all  
spent several hours  
a day at it you would  
soon discover the  
advantage. The product  
need not be thought of  
as fit for the press  
but to fit you for  
more important works  
I told Scudamore this  
but he forgets & I repeat

it to Procter & you.

Thanks for your  
kind sympathies  
In return I say

[0008]  
cherish exalted thought  
of the great work you  
have undertaken. It is  
a work which if faithful  
you will look back  
to with satisfaction  
while the eternal ages  
roll on their everlasting  
course. The Devil will  
do all he can to hinder  
you - by efforts from  
without & from within  
but remember Him who  
is with you & will be  
with .

The Governor of Tette  
has got the sanction

[0009]  
of his big brother  
The Governor General  
of to  
prosecute slave trade  
on land. I have written  
a despatch which  
will place the conduct  
of the brothers in its  
true light - probably  
it will only take  
effect when the  
big brother is gone  
but his successor  
will be the better of  
the information now  
given. I have proved  
that what the Governor

[0010]  
General says about  
slave trade being still  
the law of the land  
cannot be true except  
by an oversight

which the statesmen  
of Lisbon will be  
sure to remedy.

The packet of letters  
that came last by  
your return canoe  
was at once delivered  
to José M. Nunes  
of Quillimane who  
was here and he took  
them off to that port  
the claret; you

[0011]  
wish you may get it  
We never saw it.  
Miss Mac. may have  
exchanged it for something  
that bites the tongue  
more than that wishy  
vashing stuff claret.

With kind salutations  
to Dickinson &c

I am &c

David Livingstone

In my letter to the  
Makololo I give them  
some news. Then  
tell them that I have  
heard of their deeds  
& will if they live

[0012]  
quietly take them across  
country to their own  
land as soon as  
possible. I hope they  
have not disturbed  
the people adjacent  
to the cataracts. I add  
that they must not  
allow you to be  
disturbed. If you had  
a hundred of them  
bad as they are I would  
back you to stop all

the Chicunda slave hunters  
and all the Azanga too  
26 who went up with us  
to Sekeletu have run away  
from him. I tell them  
this except in a general way