

Letter to John Kirk 2, 1 January 1866

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Private

Many happy returns this day to you Dear Kirk. The sent for yesterday and the contents of letter which I the day I guessed the . He said that wished to ask me you. He knew I had always very handsome-about you but the[re] sometimes pri-circumstances a man's character unless called to reveal no would think of . there may something (here I put the word "cranky") something that not prominent render him an public . I replied terms that I need repeat that I no defect of or temper got on well with but were firm doing your duty &c.

[0002] I felt certain that your hatred to slave trade and of the subject you be invaluable Zanzibar. He that it was a recommendation I wished you to there and he would much pleasure telegraphing to today and he me to write letter to you to go next mail. I do now and as am to go by tomorrow

[0003] in the Thule can only congratulate on your appoint-.

I have spoken to

Tracey to shew you here - the are horribly , and he will do his . He is big brother Tracey of the . You should on Michael Scott the same firm with Tracey & a leading here now in London. and it would well to see Fleming

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Fraser is said to be of his house now Alex ^r Brown head of the firm & a very good fellow me that they are have nothing to do the Arabs but to labour in the market. I shall your to him - and M^r Lidderdale the of Remington &co is a great florist Scotch are clannish will save you expense.

[0005]

I have been thinking we could get an settlement near of the Rovuma free to all without slavery might be a step advance. It might a way of establishing sultan's brother. this over in mind. He is now (Poonah) operated on for scroti and D^r Mackenzie fine Damascus sword

Who wrote the letter from Zanzibar von seems to have skedaddled hela

[...] the telegram went off yesterday

I thanked His Excellency & told him I had written you. He is a real good fellow - is blamed being too polite but is firm enough necessary. I go positively tomorrow