

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^d ~~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 con

-clusion 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^{rs} Burrup