

Letter to Horace Waller, 24 April 1863

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My Dear Waller

D^r Kirk & I consider the value of the boat will fully be covered by 5. This arrangement will prevent any grumbling on the part of the heir. It must be used to carry Ali & Mabruk with their luggage first.

Be so kind as look into Poor Thornton's boxes for any manuscripts or other things that his friends are likely to value as keepsakes, and have them ready for me by, say Tuesday next to clap
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into a box which I take from thus with all similar things I don't wish to stay more than necessary with my motley crew.

We tried our oxen yesterday & found them difficult to manage after such long idleness. For a heavy load double the number are necessary so I mean to send to Senna for some more. They know the Loetse & will avoid it. This may be a route for cattle for us all but in the mean time I don't know whether M^s Ferraõ will sell any and I offer young
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cows to each as wages - rather
too much for a constancy

These sad events - Sendamore
Dickinson - Thornton called
away in addition to the
losses of the bishop &
Burrup cast a deep
gloom over our future
I should [][not] wonder in the
least to be recalled. For
should the Portuguese
persist in keeping the
rivers shut there would
be no use in trying
to develop trade. They
have cleared this valley of
people. I put it on
them because famine
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from drought never utterly
exterminates. The lower
parts below Elephant marsh
would all have been
cultivated & have yielded maize
in abundance I saved
multitudes. The people
lost all spirit in consequence
of hunger & disturbance
This is the way the case
appears to me The
slaving was the root of
all the evil & slaving
has depopulated the
valley. In my case
duty would not lead
me home & home therefore
I would not go. The
[0005]
Lady Nyassa would not be
paid for by Government
if the Expedition were given
up because I would
not apply for it though
it cost me double
what I intended. I meant
to ask for half only &
that when successfully
launched on the Lake.
This however is between
ourselves. I wish to

devote everything I have
to the service of our Lord
and only wish that.
he may lead my children
to do the same. Come what
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may I have found it to be
a capital good thing
to "Commit thy way unto
the Lord" &c. and to cast
all cares on Him who
really & truly does care
for us.

Kind regards to Procter
Rowley is well but he
looks more haggard now
than he used to do. He
will write you about
Clarke should you think
of sending him. Any
commission I can

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execute for you down bye
I am at your service

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