

**Letter to Horace Waller, 5 February 1871,
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[...] hen asked why they did not eat but lay pictures of
abject misery they pointed to the heart as the seat
of pain - they point to that organ correctly though
many think that the heart is under the upper part
of the sternum or breastbone - I saw many others
die - some were kindly carried and on expiring were
laid down on the side of the path - The masters wondering
why they died and had plenty to eat - I once saw a party
in the slave yoke singing merrily & thought my
these fellows have taken to it kindly - they must belong
to the class to whom
slavery is the
natural state
for which they
were born - I
asked the cause
of their mirth &
was told that
they laughed at
the idea "of coming
back after death
and haunting &
killing those who
had sold them"
Some of the words
I had to enquire
the meaning of the
word to "haunt and
kill by spirit power"

[...] hen it was "oh you
sent me off to
Manga but the
yoke is off when
I die and back
I shall come to
haunt and to kill
you" Then all
joined in the
chorus which was
the name of each
vendor as if it

were "oh Johnny
Smith Oh Johnny Smith Oh Oh"
It told not of fun but of the bitterness and tears
of such as were oppressed [^][and on the site of the oppression there was power] and they had
no comforter - "There be higher than they."

I am terribly knocked
up but this is for your own eye only
in my second childhood a dreadful
old fogie – doubtful if I live to see you
again - I stick to my work in spite of
everything because most of my friends
will say as my good daughter does - "much as I wish to have
you home I would rather that you finish your work to your
own satisfaction than come merely to gratify me" there's a good
brave girl I guess - a chip of the old block and no
mistake

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wrote his text.]

News came lately to Ujiji that a large body of Turks (Egyptians?)
came and attacked Sunna - They were repulsed and fled in disorder
Sunna is Spekes Muza with his fathers name - can this be Sam Baker or De Bono?

Baker does not seem to be aware how
often the Portuguese have tried the conquering
plan and always failed - more signally
in the West perhaps than the East but it may
be different with him and though I dont
know his plan I hope he may do good
on the Zambesi the natives to a man were
most friendly - the Portuguese instructed from
Lisbon were civil but hated us & the expedition
with Baker the Turks will be as friendly as the
Zambesi natives to us - but I fear that the
common people will be like our Portuguese
But for cannon Sunna could conquer Egypt
far more easily than 3000 troops could injure
him - 100 000 warriors though an exaggeration means something great