## Letter to Lovell J. Procter, 27 January 1863

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My Dear Proctor

Johnston brings the most distressing intelligence of the death of our beloved Scudamore I feel like Jacob's bretheren "What shall we say or what shall we speak" It is the Lord & yet it is [0002]shall I say terrible It seems as if here we are to be tried as much as they were in the west may equal success follow. May the Almighty comfort you.

Will you take charge of a canoe for us with 100 panjas of rice from Vianna or of mantiments [0003]

not beans - which I write for. If Strito is at mouth of Shire and hear what he says about some rice I have asked from him

I am doubtful of Vianna now since he deceived us once. I advised Johnstone to go on & help you [0004]as he had come so far. We have met a new bank here. We came up quickly to this & now have lost a couple of days but will soon get on. We are all well thank God except Pearce who has been long down but is recovering

Ever Yours

David Livingstone [0005]

the Commandante of the mouth of the Shire told us that a canoe was seized by him with arms ammunition. Wines spirits &c For Marianno going up in name of the missionaries Oh the Willans! the Governor of [0006]of Quillimaine & the rest of them ought to be up a tree