

## Letter to Horace Waller, 26 March 1863

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1<sup>o</sup> Above Mankokwe's

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My Dear Waller

I write a note  
only by way of saying how  
dye do as I expect soon to be  
up - We are wooding or rather  
searching for wood our  
friend Mañkokwe having  
neglected to cut any - and  
we failed yesterday in getting  
well away from his villages  
by being compelled to separate  
the vessels in order to get  
through a shoal spot singly -  
on our return I called on  
[0002]

Mankokwe - He then began his  
Makololo complaint and when  
I said that as they too had a  
mulando it would be better  
to hear both sides face to face  
just to give him an idea of the  
other side I added it referred to  
Mankokwe shooting at them  
with arrows - This caused a  
burst of laughter in which all  
the company joined - Thinking  
that I had made some mistake  
I went over - the statement in  
different words and another  
hearty laugh shewed that his  
attack was considered a good  
joke - He proposed visiting  
the ship and asked rather earnestly  
if any Makololo were in it -  
[0003]

During this visit he said nothing  
about coming up in the ship to  
face the Makololo - Nor did I -

We bought a little maize at a  
very high rate and feel anxious  
now about our black crew  
as Vianna has evidently  
played false with us - I shall  
lose no time in starting  
down river after reading  
you - If any one here  
understood yoking oxen  
I should leave at once  
now that D<sup>r</sup> Kirk is here

I cannot tell you how  
deeply I sympathize in  
your affliction and I  
pray daily that you  
may be strengthened to  
[0004]  
endure and overcome at last.  
Do get away to the Highlands  
or move about more - no  
one whose opinion is worth  
anything will blame you -  
I had written again & again to  
friends at home that having  
been driven into a corner  
by slave hunting complications  
I entertained grave fears for  
you all - Come down & visit  
us if you don't go up - or  
Let Procter come we are  
usually stirring about  
though nominally stationary  
and with one exception we  
have brisk intercourse  
With kindest salutations  
to Procter & the others - I am &c

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