

## Letter to John Kirk 2, 13 February 1865

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My Dear Kirk

I am over  
crowding you with  
letters, but a week  
ago a box turned  
up in charge of  
Rev<sup>d</sup> C. A. Alington  
which he found  
without address at  
the Cape. It contains  
specimens in  
bottles he says - and  
thinks it may be

[0002]

Thorntons but I  
think it more likely  
to be yours as  
Young had especial  
charge of all Thorntons  
& reported them safe  
at Portsmouth long  
ago. I thought it  
best to direct Alington  
to send it with a  
note to D<sup>r</sup> Hooker  
to Kew where it  
would be identified  
I explained to him  
why I thought it  
yours and asked  
if any others were  
left at the Cape - but

[0003]

have had no reply  
as yet. Will you  
take the trouble to  
examine it.?

Would it not be  
well to speak to Lord Dalhousie  
about using his  
influence with Lord  
Russell for the  
consulate - It would  
keep you before his  
mind if anything  
turned up - I stated  
particularly to Sir R.  
"with sufficient salary"

[0004]

It is necessary to hold  
that up for they might  
offer a vice - which  
is worth nothing. If  
however the vice C.  
meant £500 it would  
be a step to Tanana -  
rivo. The Webbs  
would use all their  
influence if anything  
could be heard of &  
be glad to do it.

He is beginning to  
think that the ova had  
too little milt because  
in this severe weather  
they don't come out

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