

## Letter to Charles S. de Neufville Lucas, 30 October 1865

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Cambala Hill

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My Dear Sir

On recieving

your note I wrote

to Col Taylor &

he spoke to the

Sultan about the

Captains disobliging

conduct. The

Sultan thought

matters would

all come smooth

[0002]

This was not at all

satisfactory and

set me to find out

some other means

of influencing

Captain Mahomet.

but I found out

that he is a great

drunkard whom

the Sultan cannot

get on well without

So I have to

submit somewhat

[0003]

in the same way

that the Sultan

has to do, and I

hope that the

beasts & men

may arrive

safely in spite

of him. I formerly

met a Captain

who had this

man on board

from England &

the only way of

keeping him  
sober was to deny

[0004]  
having any more  
spirits aboard!

Thanking you  
for the trouble  
you kindly took  
I am sincerely yours  
David Livingstone  
Captain Lucas

[0005]  
David Livingstone  
Born 1817 - died  
African traveller and missionary  
In 1856. Dr Livingstone had during  
his 16 years wandering travelled no  
less than 11,000 miles, whilst  
endeavouring to spread the blessing  
of Christianity thru lands never before  
trodden by the foot of an European.  
He subsequently laid down his life  
in his noble endeavour to check the  
slave trade.