

Letter to George E. Seward, 1, 12, 23 June 1864

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At Sea 1st June 1864

My Dear D^r Seward

On leaving you felt a little ashamed sending three cloths which been on view at M^r to Memsahib for getting aboard I saw I should appear if I had thrown them her. I trust however you made allowance my heathenism.

One of Bullhead's men what I consider to be in an incipient , but we were bothered the engines having been in not a very state. I saw after

[0002] Mosambique that hands were required to them. the whites pulling the starting rod like mad by the blacks a rope to the same as they had hold of an elephant the tail. We could not astern & nearly ran into

Captain Bishops ship in . Away however went with 100 mile and a fine breeze. man down with a bilious attack gave a regular turn at the . very nice when have nothing to do. but becomes desperately when it comes other four hours. we crossed the line

[0003] got into a calm which 21 days. We steamed from the land, then only stoker who the engines fell of a bilious attack. mention this because have always experienced difficulty in getting of the bile. All three had it: shovelfuls purgatives do not or if they do the remains, and is got rid off gradually. all complained of pain across the of the navel. there was no tenderness pressure. tongue with very dark fur on it the other symptoms

[0004] biliousness but no across the forehead. bile came away by vomiting or , after a week's with little or effect, they recovered scarcely any loss of . Have you found remedy effectual in a discharge of . *Asclepias gigantea*

[or *gigantisa*] is used in some parts India for this, but I tried it. A scruple of in one case had effect nor did it salivate

I have been looking up the *Dadileira* in , and think from resemblance to the which you

[0005] at Zanzibar as oil that it must the *Pedaliu* *Murex* which he says that the leaf when agitated water renders it , and is by the Indian in dysuria & - the *Dadileira* shown to M^r Soares an old native woman

& must have more mucilage to produce purging so quickly in children.

I wish you would a wash of corrosive in the itch seen in Africans, genuine scotch

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"fiddle" is cured by one in London the Physician it himself in practice - is made pretty strong 10 grams to the of water - or spirit. have found it very . now this tell me application to shocking indolent - was it bark with powdered or the bark the sore & opium ?

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We found this steamer more coal than stated. and I am that she was not at Zanzibar the deception have been laid my door though I not actually know burned a ton in hours giving a of about half was stated on a smooth as glass shall explain this to

Sir Bartle Frere so you will appear only in the way you were

[0008] writing. I would not a deliberate lie for her value.

12 June 40 miles off Bombay three [^][and a half] days calm on this coast the 21 and you have a pretty of patience. We had a dose rough weather too and saw that Bay of Bengal can exhibit seas but the little vessel a fine sea boat & no mistake Captain Frazer with (compts) that canvass did good service Kinloch not to give him the the captain bet for we 19 1/2 days going - the captain surely not count the days

24 1/2 we were standing still!! but had better not make the Scot a Jesuit. never a ship till the day before . When we saw 3 from

Bombay & one going to it. the turned out good . Two can stear & three - Kind (compts) to M^{rs} (S.)

& Winifred

David Livingstone

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P.S. We were so as not to be when we alongside forest of ships for 2 days. an invitation Lady & Sir Frere took up to Dapoore yesterday . Every is up there put the vessel Masagon as

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M^{rs} (S.) conjectured great many want buy her but though came expressly sell her the idea giving up Africa too much for I could'nt do and resolved to run home take counsel friends about future. I go morning have not time do more than

[0011] you and

M^{rs} (S.) which I most cordially your kind . The Sultan's was safely which may tell him your convenience saw M^r Oliver his court.

M^r West had home. I plenty of after

[0012] was known, & many up Dapoore who me. Hoping to see you wishing on you & your household

I am &c

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