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My dear Bishop

A mail came down from the mission a few days ago which I at once handed over to Sr. Jose Melitao Nunes who is now on a visit to us, and will return to Dullis in a few days. That will give you the rather untoward news that the missionaries have fled down to Chubisarts from the Ajawa. I am sorry for it but except that it lands them to me

+ The Slave swamps is
perhaps the best thing
they could do under the
circumstances. The most
discouraging feature in
the case is the probability
of slave hunters being
at the bottom of the whole
affair in the Ajawa camp.
When we were attacked
by the Ajawa in July last
I was sure but certain
that four Fette slaves
huddled the four muskets
which played on us.
The dress & appearance were
quite those ~~would be~~ ^{of} that
class at Fette - No one
said a word to us about

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what we had done when
 we came down here &
 all are as civil as ever
 But the Governor of
 Sette lets us know lately
 that his brother the Gov^r
 General of Mosambique
 had let him know that
 as slave trading on land
 was not allowed but
 force might be resisted
 by force - This gentleman
 is remarkable for hood
 winking all our officers -
 who call at Mosambique
 into the belief that he is
 not in his zeal
 for the abolition of slavery
 and the slave trade -
 but he wishes his brother

at Lette to make his fortune
at all hazards as he
himself is universally
believed to have already
pretty well done by the
need money for exported
slaves - I daily see reasons
to confirm the opinion I
expressed last year that
attempts ^{will} continue to be made
to warm the mission
out of the country while
the authorities keep them-
selves discreetly in the
back ground - In the mean
time we are upon as good
terms as ever with the
Portuguese who generally
act in a very kind &
oblique way toward us
all - We have to be

careful as to
49 what we say and publish.
and trust that the great
head of the church may
over rule all events for
his own glory. It is to
be expected that the
Devil who has so long
held sway in these
regions will try his
utmost to prevent the
establishment of the
glorious gospel of the
blessed God. But fear
not in the Almighty
ruler of the Universe.

We have been nearly
five months down on
the lowlands instead of
as we intended a few
days

We never had so much
fever and dysentery since
we came to the river.
When the new vessel was
ready for landing
I had to take Mr. Rose
down to breathe sea air
and recruit his strength
after severe suffering
from dysentery. During
Dr. Kirk & Mr. C. Livingston's
absence at Little Head sole
medical charge and had
on the average a new
case of fever daily for
a month. We cure it
quickly in general but
back it returned to the
same individual again
and again & again.

indeed it looked as if
 trying to overcome ~~them~~
 in one of the poor over-
 crowded lodging houses
 in London or in a
 house with a foul
 open drain beneath -
 The only remedy of getting
 rid of it was to get up
 the river and this we
 could not do chiefly
 from the culpable negligence
 of the engineer - When your
 party were with us we
 took over three weeks to
 get up to Shynga
 bore since with
 heavier loads we have
 done the same distance
 in three days - !

you need feel no alarm
about differences which we
were led to believe existed
among our brethren. They
were exaggerated, and I have
confidence in their Christian
principles preventing any
slight differences appearing
in public or hindering the
great work before them.

I have been called to
sustain a great loss -
a loss which few can
realize but I will not
dwell on my private
sorrows. I shall try &
do my duty wherever
may happen - We launch
our vessel on 23^d and
go down to the sea again
I take up more cloths for
the mission Jan^y D. Livingstone

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