Bowdler Sharpe Collection

Kirk

Zanzibar
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To R. B. Sharpe Esq
British Museum

My dear Sir,

Just in time from Mr Hicks and the account he can give of himself in my card. On arrival it was clear to all he was suffering from some old chest complaint, consumption. I should say. I recommend him for many reasons to go at once to Mauritius and return home or home

The Priests who are an extremely kind set of fellows.

The Surgeon of the Alliance ship is now attending him but I am ashamed not to have been able to do more myself. But time is of the chief importance of the Europe Mail and all local matters on my hand and the former work to do I have not a moment.

The Rains commenced.
At Mombas he began
work while living at
the Mission station but
by some sin intervening
attack of inflammation of
the chest caused an open
his old complaint.
He returned to Zanzibar
almost dying, on finish
during my home he
could not walk alone
or lie down for weeks
by breath /

The Consulate
was full of guests
and room by room
rooms filled with Servants
of the Medical Survey for
we have four state
of war and one diplomatic
Mission head. The
Ush poor sticks lodged
in a very small place
still the best at
hand but since
then I am glad he
has gone to the French
Mission. I have with

On coming Mr Hicks had no funds in hand his arrangements were most unbusiness like but I do. Mr Donaldson a Merchant here to the tune of £1000 must have sent home by the first ships or he never will do any more business

Dear Mr Reed — I have just received the inclosed Invoice & Bill of Lading which I will pay away this day

This is a second Advertisement from us. I hope to find the Country worked up for me.

Please to present Mr Collector Reed my best wishes & Mrs Reed, Miss Reed &c. I have not seen him

Please tell Mr Cummings of the Museum a few Words. I have no time to