

## Letter to John Washington, 17 February 1858

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18 Hart St.

17<sup>th</sup> Feby 1858

Dear Captain Washington

Will you be  
so kind as to send  
the bill for my  
chronometer to  
Wilbraham Taylor  
1 Robert St.  
Adelphi - Strand  
[0002]

I find by a  
letter from Sir  
Roderick that he  
thinks our  
proposed arrangement  
with Thornton  
would be a  
breach of faith  
as he [has drawn a part & moreover] is a first  
rate metallurgist  
& might get £400  
at home  
[0003]

I earnestly hope  
that the matter  
may be comfortably  
arranged with  
Baines. M<sup>r</sup>  
Wilson seemed  
to suggest no  
obstacle if (it  
(an increase in  
Baines pay)  
came in a regular  
way through the  
[0004]

Foreign Office but  
nothing can of  
course be done  
without your  
full consent  
I did not go to  
Mr Hammond  
but have been  
busy all day  
leave taking - but  
will tomorrow  
after I have seen  
you  
[0005]

Are our instructions  
drawn up? and  
the agreement to  
be signed? I dont  
expect you to  
answer these  
questions but  
I often forget  
points when in  
your presence  
which are on  
[0006]  
my mind when  
quietly writing  
For this reason  
too I mention  
now that I got  
a copy of a  
decree of the  
Portuguese Gov<sup>t</sup>  
which decides  
that the valley  
of the Zambesi  
to which the  
[0007]  
Portuguese [crown] lays  
claim is henceforth  
to be called

Zambesia

and it extends  
to beyond Zumbo  
Had they named  
the Longitude  
it would have

coincided exactly  
with what I  
pointed out to  
[0008]  
M<sup>r</sup> Hammond for  
Lord Clarendon's  
information viz.  
30° E. of Greenwich  
and the decree makes  
all that we take  
in free of duty.  
That when they have  
no custom house  
nor even a village  
at the entrance  
( Luabo) I am &c  
David Livingstone