

Letter to John Washington, 21 February 1862

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R. Zambesi 21st Feby 1862

Dear Captain Washington

We are going up at snail's pace in consequence of having the chief portion of the shell of the new steamer on board. Captain Wilson of H M S Gorgon assisted with his men and officers to take the pieces out of the brig and place them on board. We have the boilers & 2 sections in his paddlebox boats - want of provisions will compel him to return so I write to say that I have taken M^r Edward Young a gunner from the Gorgon to navigate the Lady Nyassa - at £173 - per annum - and he wishes - £160 to be paid to his wife Eliza Young, Providence Cottage, Brockhurst, near Gosport - [Hants] -

M^r Gedye wishes to go home & I regret very much to part with him as he has behaved very well indeed all the time

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he has been with us. I engaged also a carpenter and smith who were on their passage home from Johanna, the carpenter is a Tyrolese I believe and his pay is £7-10 per month. His name Augustus Waldman the smith William Macleod - a Scotchman is a very good workman. His pay is £10 per month. We have one able seaman & two quarter masters from the Gorgon for the lake steamer, and exchange John Neale on account of sickness alone, for William Goldsmith a volunteer. A few more hands would have been all the better

but we shall do what we can with the natives.

If you can assist M^r Gedye to another situation you will do a good deed, as he deserves it. He had a severe touch of fever when we were away at the Lake and I suspect fears another. He would prefer the coast guard but to whatever station you [0003] would recommend him I think you would have no reason to regret having done so. He professes regret at leaving and willingness to return, I suppose on other terms. I offered him the command on M^r May's leaving but he declined though to obviate his objection I offered to lay down his daily position for him. He said that he must have some one to navigate so I was forced to do it myself though knowing next to nothing about navigation.

David Gwilliam or Gwillim wishes to send (£20) Twenty Pounds to his wife Elizabeth Gwillim

Smith Rope ~~Wal~~ Ground

Woolwich - Kent.

He says his pension is not paid so regularly as she requires and he wishes to send this out of his pay. All advances of money are sent to [be] placed against each seaman in the Flag ship.

I have asked Admiral Walker if he will send up a party to set the Rovuma question at rest from the [0004] sea upwards. It is very important that this point be settled while the present state of American affairs lasts. the Governor General of Mosam bique went up lately with some 3 ships to try & induce the Sultan to

say that Rovuma instead of Cape
Delgado is the boundary between
Zanzibar and Portugal. by Col Rigby's
advice the true boundary Cape
Delgado which to the eye looks 8 or 10
miles south of Rovuma was asserted
to be the boundary. Amidst the multi-
plicity of points that engross your
attention I entreat you to bear this
in remembrance. Cape Delgado is
the boundary beyond dispute - the
attempt of the Gov. Gen^l shews that
we are right.

Pioneer too heavily laden goes up
very slowly but we unloaded five
tons at Shupanga and will make
three trips of the whole ship. All
our efforts will be bent to
getting this vessel on the Lake
M^{rs} L is here and well. Thanks
true and hearty for all your kindness
to her Ever Yours David Livingstone

We shall soon be out of all provisions except beans but hope the
Admiral may be able to supply us. Preserved meats are at the Cape

We require a boat or two Our two whalers of 1858 are done

1st March

We cannot carry 35 tons up the river so must unload at
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Shupanga - put a steamer together & try & tow her up. We have been
three weeks in reaching Shupanga David Livingstone