

## Letter to [Commander Her Majesty's Ship], 13 August 1858

*Livingstone, David, 1813-1873*

Published by Livingstone Online ([livingstoneonline.org](http://livingstoneonline.org))  
[0001]

Expedition Island  
13 August  
1858

Longitude 35°-51'-09" E

On this Island the Zambesi Expedition under D<sup>r</sup> Livingstone erected their iron house and deposited their luggage till by five successive trips the Ma Robert steam Launch removed it up the river. At this log of lignum vitae [(1)] M<sup>r</sup> Francis Skead R.N. [(2)] observed for the latitude and Longitude  
[0002]

[] [(3)] At a tree about 300 yds Mag. North marked with the broad arrow and the letter M M<sup>r</sup> Charles Livingstone took sets of observations for Magnetical dip. deflection, vibration [(3)] and declination

On this day the Expedition finally quits the island to go first to Shupanga and thence to Tete.  
[0003]

It is hoped that about three trips will suffice to land all the Expedition at Tete some machinery and stores will be left at Shupanga and Senna [(4)]

All the members of  
the Expedition have  
enjoyed good health  
- ever since our arrival  
in the Delta in the  
middle of May last.  
All except one have  
taken small doses  
of quinine daily.  
M<sup>r</sup> Baines suffers  
a little at present  
[0004]  
a slight stroke of the sun.  
[(5)][] The country has been in  
a state of war ever  
since we came but  
no party ever molested  
us - [(5)] We have had  
intercourse with both  
[(6)][] Portuguese and what  
are termed rebels  
without offence [(6)]

We propose to come  
down from Tete to the  
mouth of the Kongone so as  
to be there on Christmas day  
next to recieve & deliver  
despatches

David Livingstone  
H.M Consul.