

## Letter to H. Norton Shaw, 1 March 1861

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Pioneer - off Rovuma

1<sup>st</sup> March 1861

Private

My Dear Shaw

Very many

and hearty thanks

for your letter, and the

packet of journals &c

which accompanied

it. this is the first

scrape of your pen

I have recieved since

we came out and

I confess that I was

beginning to be im-

patient with my

semper idem Friend

[0002]

This however sets all

to rights and I am

quite thankful.

I cannot tell you much  
about Rovuma yet

as we are waiting for

H.M.S Lyra which

brings us some coals

We have no bar.

And no bottom was

found with seventeen

fathoms across the

mouth. An immense

body of water rolls

out a mile broad.

We went up some

8 miles yesterday

in a boat & saw

[0003]

that it is evidently

in flood. people

speak same language

as on Zambesi so  
we shall get on. We  
are trying to get an  
entrance exterior to  
the Portuguese claims  
and are not permitted  
to say anything  
publicly, so this is  
all between ourselves.  
but by the way in  
three months we  
shall be able to give  
you a good deal of  
information about

[0004]  
the Rovuma. At present  
we cannot get a syllable  
of information from  
any one but no sooner  
do we publish than  
Macqueen will start  
up and say he knew  
all about it. Why  
not tell you all  
about it during the  
next three months  
or before we do?

I am sure that the  
journal of Silva Porto  
is a literary fraud,  
for I met him at  
the time specified

[0005]  
either 1853 or 4. I  
think the former but  
quote from memory  
alone. He then said  
that he had tried to  
go East but failed  
after going to about  
the Kafue. He tried  
to send a party of his  
people too but, [^] [they] failed  
and he got to the  
West before I did  
and his journal  
was published while  
I was at Loanda.  
His meeting with

me mentioned

[0006]

and not a word  
about having gone  
to the East Coast!!

If M<sup>r</sup> Gabriel is  
now [^] [as he was lately] in England  
he will corroborate  
the publication. His  
agent is Woodhead  
& co. James S<sup>t</sup>. should  
you think it worth  
while enquiring

Thanking you for  
your kind message  
by M<sup>rs</sup> L.

I am yours ever

David Livingstone

[I do not believe Macqueen guilty but  
he is duped by some one.]