

Letter to John Washington, 3 April 1862

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H. M. S. Pioneer off Kongone

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Dear Captain Washington

The Gorgon left this a storm while Captain was assisting us the River. Went to Mosambique and there Pantaloon being sent her to Johanna for provisions
Captain Wilson has given us six provisions all the preserved you kindly sent

[0002] have recieved all the we need for the &c. and being well in food will now ourselves with all might to the one object of transporting steamer to the Lake.

The failure of our stores but a short time great expense - rum for the men done and fearing we should get no for them till May purchased Wardroom rum to the value

[0003] £21. Our quinine is also expended - to carry on the expend-of wine & quinine the sick I bought cheapest of the expensive of the Mess for other £20 - and this eight dozen suffice till we a supply of cheap wines which been ordered. The of expensive on pressure by fear of being blamed we should happen to without cordials has

[0004] away with the money hand. I have drawn

£50 from M^rSewell of the Gorgon fear this will not off my bills for ordered from Portuguese. I have advances to the men wages also from sources, and may to do the same to our Johanna men years wages but let you know all it - this is chiefly advise you of the above £50.

Yours &c

David Livingstone

We towed the brig over the bar yesterday - Gorgon and we go in tomorrow morning

[0005] dysentery has troubled some

[0006] the men lately - possibly from eating while our flour was done