

## Letter to John Washington, 7 March 1862

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near Shupanga Zambesi

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Dear Captain Washington

We found that 35 tons was than Pioneer could carry - out 5 tons at Shupanga avoided the strong current in [- parts of ]the Zambesi of 4 1/2 knots going into shallow places. unfortunately led us aground or five miles above

Shupanga and the river is . It is the worst grounding ever had for we have 100 of shoal on our lee or river from us. I let know lest you hear something . I was unable to duty when she might have

[0002] got off but M<sup>r</sup> Young is said by Captain Wilson to be

"a thorough sailor", so I believe proper has been done was my first illness leaving England in /58 dont know what it was and knees swelled and so painful for 2 days I could not stand. An came out, began D<sup>r</sup> Kirk and went over all. Even Gorgon's people it. I was down three days am now I am thankful say quite free of the complaint say so much about myself people at the Cape made so ill when nothing was wrong

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I have sent a pressing request to

Admiral Walker for provisions we have not a fortnight's on board, and cannot buy at this part nor indeed any part where slavetrade depopulated the country. propose, if no vessel is to be this way, that the Admiral freight a small one from

Natal. I ask 6 months stores have been disappointed not recievingquinine from along with the other & ask 3lbs from the

Admiral. We need all this giving it daily to all hands dont see a paddle wheel ordered from Penn when Pioneer was at the Cape.

[0004] is much needed for the other side

The reason why the Pioneer goes so with a load is said to be her were placed for 3 feet draught she never draws less than 4 1/2 with a load 5 - they would to be lifted up a foot & a half shall put the new steamer together Shupanga and tow her up to cataracts - I doubt Hardistys zeal.

A gentleman has been sent out the free church of Scotland to obtain with a view to mission on Nyassa. As this not interfere with the bishop, invited him to come up and the country and people for . His name is Rev<sup>d</sup> Stewart. There is room all that in the region, and it is whether the bishop

[0005] not blocked up his own way by attacking the , who now possess all East bank of Shire from cataracts up to the Lake. sister, a confirmed invalid, up to him. Captain seeing how slowly we up - (3 weeks to Shupanga! year 2 days only!) acceded to request to be taken with M<sup>rs</sup> (another of the missionaries) to the Ruo in his gig. bishop engaged to be there did not appear & Captain pushed on to Chibisa's invalid being more dead alive. We expect him on his return, and when

[0006] does so I shall give you the intelligence.

I feel it rather too much to have to passages to all the missionaries was willing and anxious to all I could for them & am willing, but it is a serious back to our own success.

Rev M<sup>r</sup> Proctor wanted to come down a wife, & the bishop proposed come too. I had to tell them the Pioneer was not a vessel. It is a serious on our stores. M<sup>r</sup> Stewart payment for everything calico to buy his own pro-and works at whatever can do. Some of the bishop's believe that they have a

[0007] to everything here, and on board men of war which causes among the officers.

You really had a serious task on you. The only way daughter could conceive of keep her Mama at home to threaten to write to you ask you to lock her in a . She went the length of to her Mama & telling her she was thinking of doing !

10 March at Shupanga unloading.

I have to spend more money than anticipated in buying country . We have nothing but a little flour - a cask said to be beef by Mr Gedye turns out to be one of vinegar! [beef found on 17th March] We shall be two months

[0008] Lady Nyassa together - will tow up to the cataracts & there unscrew - probably we shall have food that from the Admiral - so no need be felt. There too can get plenty of native meal fowls &c.

I may have mentioned already I offered the charge of the Pioneer M<sup>r</sup>Gedye at Johanna - & he refused on the plea that he could not . I offered to lay down positions for him & point out course but he again refused take charge = so the subordinate he occupied was his own .

M<sup>r</sup> May refused fowling pieces we brought are broken. send up to Tette to bring our things , in canoes. We have plenty of there. D. Livingstone