

Letter to John Washington, 2 September 1862

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Johanna, 2 September 1862

Dear Captain Washington

We came over to Pomory
in order to get some provisions here
before starting for Rovuma. the fire
bars were burned in the way across,
and we could scarcely get along on
the second half of the way without
stopping every now and then, to get
up steam. M^r Rae says the fault
lies in the coals being very bad. When
turning round to come into the narrow
entrance of this bay she went so slowly
that we came too near the right hand
point of the reef, and we distinctly heard
her scrape a small portion. there
was no concussion but it is probable
that some copper may have been
ripped off as she made 4 inches
more water than usual in 12 hours.
We shall beach her at Rovuma
and put on any plates that may be
off. I write at once that you may
know exactly how matters are.
We ought not to have come here at all
at this season but been content with
what we got at the town David Livingstone
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P.S. though believing it my duty to
give you the worst that can fairly
be said of anything that happens
to us I must add that we had
a heavy sea running all night
and we leaked much more when
steaming than we do now. We
are loose all over and to get
pitch to caulk from M^r Sunley
was the chief reason for our
coming round.

M^r Young begs to give the
whole of his pay to his wife
instead of £160 as formerly asked
and any store keeping allowance
that you may allow him too.

D.L.