

Letter to John Washington, 17 February 1858

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18 Hart St.

17th Feby 1858

Dear Captain Washington

Will you be
so kind as to send
the bill for my
chronometer to
Wilbraham Taylor
1 Robert St.
Adelphi - Strand

[0002]

I find by a
letter from Sir
Roderick that he
thinks our
proposed arrangement
with Thornton
would be a
breach of faith
as he [has drawn a part & moreover] is a first
rate mettallurgist
& might get £400
at home

[0003]

I earnestly hope
that the matter
may be comfortably
arranged with
Baines. M^r
Wilson seemed
to suggest no
obstacle if {it
(an increase in
Baines pay)
came in a regular
way through the

[0004]

Foreign Office but
nothing can of
course be done
without your

full consent
I did not go to
M^r Hammond
but have been
busy all day
leave taking - but
will tomorrow
after I have seen
you

[0005]

Are our instructions
drawn up? and
the agreement to
be signed? I don't
expect you to
answer these
questions but
I often forget
points when in
your presence
which are on

[0006]

my mind when
quietly writing
For this reason
too I mention
now that I got
a copy of a
decree of the
Portuguese Gov^t
which decides
that the valley
of the Zambesi
to which the

[0007]

Portuguese [crown] lays
claim is henceforth
to be called
Zambesia
and it extends
to beyond Zumbo
Had they named
the Longitude
it would have
coincided exactly
with what I
pointed out to

[0008]

M^r Hammond for
Lord Clarendon's
information viz.
30° E. of Greenwich
and the decree makes
all that we take
in free of duty.
That when they have
no custom house
nor even a village
at the entrance
(Luabo) I am &c
David Livingstone