

## Letter to John Washington, 9 January 1858

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My Dear Captain Washington

I called at your office 12 1/2 this morning & at 2 o'clock but that you were at war office I concluded you would be some time and came home to to you.

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I called to shew the plan the expedition which had sketched out for consideration of Lord but failing find you I may mention I give the names Commander Bedingfeld

M<sup>r</sup> Richard Thornton, D<sup>r</sup> Kirk, M<sup>r</sup> Charles , M<sup>r</sup> T. Baines

(Engineer (not named) and kroomen which to your very

[0003] suggestion ought to be for that the Admiral on Sierra Leone may take down the Cape with him persons mentioned by are thus, the naval , the mining geologist botanist - the general and the artist  
& storekeeper.

Supposing the expedition be so organized and put at the mouth of the Zambesi I propose to ascend quickly as possible untill get through the gorge of Lupata then stop at

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Tete to deposit some of the luggage - visit chiefs who have in the vicinity and the botanist and to get a general of the resources of that of the country

Next proceed to the rapid Kebra-basa and see passing it, (and by way it may be proper have some contrivance conveying it by land it is dangerous to attempt force it up the rapid) obstacle being sur-

[0005] we proceed to visit chiefs on the banks ascend to the healthy -lands near the Kafue an iron house with consent of the inhabitants make excursions

These plans are made on the supposition that old companions the are gone back their own country. If have remained all operations of expedition be very much faci-. At the end of the first it is proposed to

[0006] to Kembrabasa in the launch send home a full report the Foreign Office. Then re-la communications having established with the chief the expedition its attention to the north whether the net of waters reported is correct or not if it seems feasible examining the to be derived native travellers to the sources of Zambesi

[0007]

During the whole time the iron will serve as a depot the convenience of depositing and religious instruction be given to the natives will probably congregate . I think the moral of a permanent of this kind will materially tend to the success of the expedition

At the end of the second we return again to  
Kebra-basa to receive instruction home. The members having the option of to England

[0008]

I could have wished to have your judgement on the plan but have delayed so long with it that you were so fully occupied at last sent it in to Lord . It will probably come you yet and I hope to have suggestions thereon.

A boat built in three each of which water tight and when the middle portion is taken out about the size of a ships would be a useful for the smaller rivers we have one?

I am yours most truly

David Livingstone