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Pioneer Rovuma Bay

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My Dear Captain Washington

The enclosed mess bill of

M^r Rae amounting to £31.16 for

66 days was handed to me by M^r Paymaster of H.M.S. Lyra it been a small sum I would paid it and put it to the expenses but it is than I possess of public though I have recieved balance from M^r May of

£17..17..4 I therefore send bill on to you and refer

M^r Jones to you for settlement will be able to explain the

[0002] to the Foreign Office. I sent

M^r Rae to the Admiral at the Cape requested him to furnish a in some Government to England. He seems to have another route - and came grief. He had all D^r Kirks specimens other articles in charge but them all as we hear by Cape. We dont feel well pleased his parting with them

We go up Rovuma today promises fairly - No bar - 17 & no bottom felt across which is a mile wide speak a dialect very allied to that of Senna, men who knew all our long ago ought come down with their knowledge before come down with ours. In three months Please God we shall tell you all about it. The is on board - An excellent man - and all party D^o D^o David Livingstone