

## Letter to [Commander Her Majesty's Ship], 13 August 1858

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[0001]

Expedition Island  
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Longitude 35°-51'-09" E

On this Island the Zambesi  
Expedition under D<sup>r</sup>  
Livingstone erected their  
iron house and deposited  
their luggage till by  
five successive trips  
the Ma Robert steam  
Launch removed it  
up the river. At this  
log of lignum vitae [(1)]  
M<sup>r</sup> Francis Skead R.N. [(2)]  
observed for the latitude  
and Longitude  
[0002]

[] [(3)] At a tree about 300 yds Mag. North  
marked with the broad arrow  
and the letter M M<sup>r</sup> Charles  
Livingstone took sets of  
observations for Magnetical  
dip. deflection, vibration  
[(3)] and declination

On this day the Expedition  
finally quits the island  
to go first to Shupanga  
and thence to Tete.  
[0003]

It is hoped that about three  
trips will suffice to land  
all the Expedition at Tete  
some machinery and stores  
will be left at Shupanga  
and Senna [(4)]

All the members of  
the Expedition have  
enjoyed good health  
- ever since our arrival  
in the Delta in the  
middle of May last.  
All except one have  
taken small doses  
of quinine daily.  
M<sup>r</sup> Baines suffers  
a little at present  
[0004]  
a slight stroke of the sun.  
[(5)][] The country has been in  
a state of war ever  
since we came but  
no party ever molested  
us - [(5)] We have had  
intercourse with both  
[(6)][] Portuguese and what  
are termed rebels  
without offence [(6)]

We propose to come  
down from Tete to the  
mouth of the Kongone so as  
to be there on Christmas day  
next to recieve & deliver  
despatches

David Livingstone  
H.M Consul.