

Letter to John Washington

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H. M. S. Pioneer off Kongone

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Dear Captain Washington

The Gorgon left this
in a storm while Captain
Wilson was assisting us
up the River. Went to
Mosambique and there
the Pantaloon being
disabled sent her to
Johanna for provisions .
Captain Wilson has
now given us six
months provisions
and all the preserved
meats you kindly sent .

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We have all the
tools we need for the
road &c. and being well
found in food will now
set ourselves with all
our might to the one
great object of transporting
the steamer to the Lake.

The failure of our stores
for but a short time
involved great expense -
the rum for the men
was done and fearing
that we should get no
more for them till May
I purchased Wardroom
mess rum to the value

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of £21. Our quinine
wine is also expended -

so to carry on the expenditure of wine & quinine for the sick I bought the cheapest of the expensive wines of the Mess for over other £20 - and hope this eight dozen will suffice till we get a supply of cheap Cape wines which have been ordered. The purchase of expensive wines on pressure by the fear of being blamed if we should happen to be without cordials has

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run away with the money on hand. I have drawn £50 from M^rSewell paymaster of the Gorgon and fear this will not clear off my bills for calicoes ordered from the Portuguese. I have made advances to the men as wages also from private sources, and may have to do the same to pay our Johanna men their year 's wages but will let you know all about it - this is chiefly to advise you of the above £50.

Yours &c

David Livingstone

We towed the brig over the bar yesterday - Gorgon leaves and we go in tomorrow morning .

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Some dysentery has troubled some

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of the men lately - possibly from eating beans while our flour was done .