

## Letter to John Washington, 21 February 1862

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R. Zambesi 21<sup>st</sup> Feby 1862

Dear Captain Washington

We are going up at snail's pace in consequence of having the chief portion of the shell of the new steamer on board. Captain Wilson of H M S Gorgon assisted with his men and officers to take the pieces out of the brig and place them on board. We have the boilers & 2 sections in his paddlebox boats - want of provisions will compel him to return so I write to say that I have taken M<sup>r</sup> Edward Young a gunner from the Gorgon to navigate the Lady Nyassa - at £173 - per annum - and he wishes - £160 to be paid to his wife Eliza Young, Providence Cottage, Brockhurst, near Gosport - [Hants] -

M<sup>r</sup> Gedye wishes to go home & I regret very much to part with him as he has behaved very well indeed all the time  
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he has been with us. I engaged also a carpenter and smith who were on their passage home from Johanna, the carpenter is a Tyrolese I believe and his pay is £7-10 per month. His name Augustus Waldman the smith William Macleod - a Scotchman is a very good workman. His pay is £10 per month. We have one able seaman & two quarter masters from the Gorgon for the lake steamer, and exchange John Neale on account of sickness alone, for William Goldsmith a volunteer. A few more hands would have been all the better but we shall do what we can with the

natives.

If you can assist M<sup>r</sup> Gedye  
to another situation you will  
do a good deed, as he deserves  
it. He had a severe touch of fever  
when we were away at the Lake  
and I suspect fears another.  
He would prefer the coast gaurd  
but to whatever station you  
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would recommend him I think  
you would have no reason to regret  
having done so. He professes regret at  
leaving and willingness to return, I  
suppose on other terms. I offered  
him the command on M<sup>r</sup> May's leaving  
but he declined though to obviate his  
objection I offered to lay down his  
daily position for him. He said  
that he must have some one to  
navigate so I was forced to do it  
myself though knowing next to  
nothing about navigation.

David Gwilliam or Gwillim  
wishes to send (£20) Twenty Pounds  
to his wife Elizabeth Gwillim

Smith Rope ~~Wal~~ Ground

Woolwich - Kent.

He says his pension is not paid  
so regularly as she requires and  
he wishes to send this out  
of his pay. All advances of money  
are sent to [be] placed against each  
seaman in the Flag ship.

I have asked Admiral Walker if  
he will send up a party to set the  
Rovuma question at rest from the  
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sea upwards. It is very important  
that this point be settled while the  
present state of American affairs  
lasts. the Governor General of Mosam  
bique went up lately with some 3  
ships to try & induce the Sultan to  
say that Rovuma instead of Cape

Delgado is the boundary between  
Zanzibar and Portugal. by Col Rigby's  
advice the true boundary Cape  
Delgado which to the eye looks 8 or 10  
miles south of Rovuma was asserted  
to be the boundary. Amidst the multi-  
plicity of points that engross your  
attention I entreat you to bear this  
in remembrance. Cape Delgado is  
the boundary beyond dispute - the  
attempt of the Gov. Gen<sup>l</sup> shews that  
we are right.

Pioneer too heavily laden goes up  
very slowly but we unloaded five  
tons at Shupanga and will make  
three trips of the whole ship. All  
our efforts will be bent to  
getting this vessel on the Lake  
M<sup>rs</sup> L is here and well. Thanks  
true and hearty for all your kindness  
to her Ever Yours David Livingstone

We shall soon be out of all provisions except beans but hope the  
Admiral may be able to supply us. Preserved meats are at the Cape

We require a boat or two Our two whalers of 1858 are done

1<sup>st</sup> March

We cannot carry 35 tons up the river so must unload at  
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Shupanga - put a steamer together & try & tow her up. We have been  
three weeks in reaching Shupanga David Livingstone