

Letter to John Washington, 22 July 1862

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My Dear Captain Washington

I have given a set of bills to S^r Mellitaô Nunesof Quillimane for £42.10. dated 29th May. Book 812. bill 2. another set for £51.10 dated 15th July 812. bill n^o 3. (both at Par.) to Senhor Manoel de Lima Vianna.

The amount given to M^r Nunes was 2 bales of calico and 40 bags of rice. Vianna for 1 bale of calico - 15 sheep, bags of rice - canoe and native hire bring wood and coals in our attempts carry up Lady Nyassa's sections and bring away our goods from Tette. £10 for two small casks of wine £5 each. I still owe him a little for fresh &c. Our detention so long down here been most expensive though I have the utmost economy. You understand the difference of expense and up the Shire. Here we have to pay £1 for a sheep there we get one for 2 shillings worth of calico. Having much we had to hire natives and them at the rate of 6^d per day in a great deal of that has been . Rae had dysentery and I had to

[0002] take him down to the Kongone to breathe air. When we went on purpose to meet a with a new Johanna crew & provisions had occurred to prevent Captain from fulfilling his promise of sending at the appointed time. So we went up about 12th June. Launched the Lady Nyassa on, and put everything into her - ways were palm trees - and we were to go up the river but no Johanna arriving and no provisions, we go in search of them to Johanna. coming down we ran aground three though we had a boat sounding a-. This leads me to think that we better go to the Rovuma & spend two months which must intervene the river rises in November in exploration of that river in preference threading our way up the Zambesi & Shire at low water - but I shall let know definitely from Johanna.

I was very unwilling to believe that M^r Hardisty had so shamelessly neglected duty as I now see he has done. The shaft brasses gave way at Rovuma sheer neglect, and caused the engine shake so that the nails came out of the sheeting below. M^r Rae put glands and secured them and us from a smash. Hardisty said to him he [Rae] would by touching them let himself for a month's work. Rae finished

[0003] in 2 1/2 days and is going to make new of Lignum vitae which is coming into now. The Rudder was cracked & Rae putting bands on it. Hardisty went saying in his nasty way to the men M^r Rae might as well pump ship on as try to mend it. He made it stronger ever in exactly two days. The boss of paddle wheel was broken in going up Shire by striking against the bank. We were Chibisa's from the beginning of July to 15th November. Hardisty excused himself say our forge would not heat the plate to bend it for a patch. I got forge, and a smith from the Gorgon the plate, but still it was unmended. asked Hardisty how long he would require put on the plate. three weeks, but he also publicly that he was not to be expected mend anything that broke. He had more in that way than he ever - "An engineer is not expected to as a tradesman" &c. Rae mended whole thing now become much worse neglect in two days. When just about this job though Hardisty had going about trying by talk to Rae give it up in disgust he came me and said that he felt well enough work; I replied, "I shall not require services anymore" and he "Thank you". Rae has behaved all

through. He said to me, Captain asked me if I were willing do anything in my power to help expedition, and I replied yes, and

[0004] always have been so but I dont like to hear

Hardisty talking in the way he is doing to the . To put a stop to it I relieved him from charge in the way I mention about the of this month. I hear that he made a drawing of the way he tied up wheel in order to utter the monstrous that he was prevented by me mending it. I shall give you the of the stokers to the contrary without him know. The only thing I him meddling with was the , as he wished to send it down the Cape to be brazed. M^r Rae & Macleod & brazed all the pipes requiring to be , and it is to be put in today. the pump will require to be rebored Hardisty left the sand when once in "wash out again"! If M^r Penn this man he has little for his really splendid engines. leading stoker King is a far better than Hardisty. He allowed to go wrong when a very care would have kept all right.

A young man called Campbell with Tod & Macgregor is said by M^r Rae to a good hand. I knew him in my younger . At present we shall do well with King and you might increase his salary you think it right. Rae takes the . Reid and Macleod are and willing workmen.

[0005] When we came down in May Hardisty at death's door and had that baffling continued vomiting which the case of my poor wife rendered remedies unavailing. D^r Kirk & M^r C Livingstone had been sent to Tette our luggage, and I had medical . Meller being at the Cape on sick . A blister put on the stomach relieve vomiting filled with serum dark as bile and he became deeply - 20 grains of calomel as last effort brought away immense of bile and saved him however severe salivation cold afterwards. I mention purely medical subject to you I expect to be blamed for as in heart I believe the saving of his .

We cut wood at the Luabo at that and went out over this bar, being quite smooth, [2 1/2 fathoms] and came in the Kongone. When on the sea she with ease eight knots, and Rae says were her engines lifted a foot a foot and a half she would give a higher rate than she did on the trip -

If we could get a dozen draught oxen the Cape we would transport steamer at about 20 miles per day

[0006] cost about £10 each. The two mules at Shupanga and I propose to use two which were brought for the mission. Shupanga we find new the Portuguese is particularly unhealthy might have told us sooner. They not even pigs can live there. There no tsetse and none at the cataracts . We never had so much sickness . We cured the fever quickly but returned again & again to the same . It was like treating patients ill drained or overcrowded dwellings we could not get away from the lowlands. We have good health at and it is now winter, and as Johanna men scarcely ever suffer shall trust more to them than to .

A Lieutenant Burlton about whom wrote to you in April last, stating I did not require his services, not wait for my answer to to the same effect, but came to Quillimane by the Pantaloon brought no letter from the Admiral, nothing from you though he had to you a long time ago. I still that in the river we do not a naval officer, and have

[0007] him so but give him a passage to

Johanna. Even with M^r Young the we get less work out of the than when we had no naval officer . He however does about three times than M^r Gedye did.

M^r Thornton has joined us again having been to Kilimanjaro the Baron von Decken. He has boat of his own, and goes to some rocks at Gorongozo inscriptions on them. He will on with us on the Lake & geologize there

M^r Cooley is about as far out in structures of Rebman as he about the Zambesi above the

Victoria Falls. Thornton thinks that
Rebman was correct.

The missionaries have retired to Chibisa's - but will soon up again as the lowlands never do for them. No ~~sanitary~~ regulations were made at first residence and deposits 200 people make the place very "pest hole" The bishop and Burrup ill before they started and braved wet and damp of the shire marshes

[0008] the sad result you already know. could not in consequence of our culpable negligence get away the Highlands. The Portuguese acting on suggestions send their troops at up to Tette and save nearly all formerly by keeping them at Quillimane and Senna they lost the whole.

We have to pay and part with Waldman German carpenter who is the laziest I ever met with - and the of the present Johanna crew due - Our 7 inch hawser and of the 5 inches came out half from being stowed under the - the 7 inch parted when the brig in and we took one the brig which will be in accounts of the Gorgon, as some biscuit. The brasses, &c. sent have never - but may with the ale be at Cape. I regret the delay to which we been compelled. It has been sore the grain & utterly beyond my . Many & hearty thanks for all kind and prompt attention to our Yours affectionately D. Livingstone