

Letter to John Washington, 1 February 1861

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Pioneer got on the 5th right

My Dear Captain Washington

A barque rigged vessel on the South East of Flag island [last night] and answered our at 8 P.M. so we conclude our new vessel must be and make up our mails. See schooner opposite Luabo at midday.

Rowe had worked at the of the launch so assiduously our absence, that we thought could bring her down to

Senna, and there take out the engine. took the Pinnacle too - an old

teredo eaten one when we got her - to stick to that which longest. The Pinnacle went , and we could put the finger

[0002] any part of her bottom with ease we decided to use her as fuel holes burst out every day in Launch, sometimes seven in afternoon. We puddled & patched strenuously, but at last not keep two compartments being constantly full - went days so - but happening drift on to a sand bank knee deep the weight of two full compartments our getting her off. the took away the sand from the side, and she filled all over. took our things out and the rising next day she was . She lies one day above

Senna. We have taken all the out of her that ever was in her

[0003] only regret that I did not get a bottom to send to you and you would that patent steel is not the thing Tropical waters.

I am in want of writing paper & other kinds. Baines made with our supply. We require a fresh supply of Resin of and Rhubarb. Also some for insects M^r Young will the proper kind when he my letter - I have to beg favour in sending our by your mail come so irregularly & are used

I conjecture at the Cape that I wish sent by a man of war going to the Post Office is a mere conjecture on my from my periodicals having

[0004] treated in the same way when I was Kolobeng

D^r Kirk was going home but when heard that the Rovuma was to be I saw [that] the botany there ought to be as well as that of the Zambesi that he would like to go. So we him. He has done well for this . His report is a good one. will be sent next mail. Thornton has gone to Mosambique. His salary on my recommendation restored to him.

I am very much delighted with the of a mission from the - and think that great will be done. The London Mission-did not let me know of their though the Cape papers of them as "in connection with Zambesi Expedition" - and it was only Victoria Falls that we became aware their arrival & sad fate. We shall take to make the medical man of the Universities thoroughly aware of the way to treat Fever. have ventured to say that you can supply the name our Bead merchant M^r Kendal to the secretaries

[0005] I add nothing more it will be on finding vessel all right a boat is now

[0006] ashore by the wrong passage East of Island a mistake she did not come in

Yours Most Truly D. Livingstone

4th both vessels came opposite us yesterday & answered our last night - they want fair weather