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Pungo Andongo, 31st Dec., 1854

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[The letter marked

No. 1. is a copy from memory chiefly of one I sent under date of August last, which, with a map of the country travelled over, I have lately heard, was lost in the destruction of the 'Forerunner' off Madeira. I had the fever so frequently after leaving Cassangé, that I could only take latitudes, inserting them and my route in pencil, and I promised to send a better map of Angola back from Cassangé on my return. This I shall do from the last point to which the postal arrangements extend. I have been detained some time here reproducing the letters lost in the 'Forerunner;' and and I leave for Cassangé tomorrow morning.

I naturally feel some little regret at the loss of my Map, for, believing it safe in your hands, I had been rather free in giving away latitudes, longitudes, and sketches of the country, some of which have been copied and sent to other parts, and I have some Ambition, as I am the only one who ever made astronomical observations in this part of the world, that my own Country should have the preference At present I give the following list:-

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List for insertion in note from

Pungo Andongo Dec 31

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South Latitude

		S. LAT.		E. LONG.	REMARKS.
	°			°	
Golungo Alto	9	8	30	14 59 21	Mean of 7 lunar observations at the residence of the Commandant.
confluence of the Luinha and Luce rivers	9	15	0	14 49 0	In Cazengo Discript. The Longitude is approximate.

Confluence of the Luinha and Lucalla	9	26	21			
Confluence of the Lucalla and Coanza	9	37	50			Fort & town of Massem-gano is on this confluence. I could obtain no lunars, but I have bearings for an approximate Longitude.
Ambaca	9	16	35	15 23	15	At the residence of the Commandant.
Pungo Andongo	9	40	35			The residence of Mr. Piris on the south side of the rocks.
—The Fort	9	40	0	15 33	40	The longitude from three good observations.
Coanza River, at a point S.S.W. of the Fort of Pungo Andongo	9	47	3			
Cassangé	9	37	29	17 43	30	From many observations.
The Quango river	9	51	28			At the ford 150 yards wide.
The Chikapa river	10	38	0			Flowing W.N.W., 60 yards wide.
Confluence of the Chihuné and Longe	10	57	31	20 29	30	Both small streams. Canoes on the latter.
The Casai (Kasye) or Loké (at the ford)	11	17	0			Flowing N.E. and E.N.E., 120 yards broad
Lake Dilolo, source of the Lotembwa between	11	30	0			W. end is 1/2 mile broad.
		and				E. end
	11	32	0			is said to be 6 miles broad. Same longitude as Katema.
Katema town	11	35	37	22 47	0	Near the river Lotembwa.
Lotembwa river, crossed in	11	40	0			Above 100 yards broad.
Soana Malopo Village	11	49	42	22 52	0	3 miles N.N.W. of the ford on the river Lokaloye
Leeba river, crossed in	12	8	0	22 55	0	Flowing here from E. to W.