

# Letter to John Washington

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Dear Admiral

We have remained  
a few days longer here  
than was needful on  
account of the weather  
being unsettled and a  
blow was expected.  
We take six trained  
oxen from M<sup>r</sup> Sunley  
who very kindly  
parts with them at  
a low price though  
it would be his interest  
to keep them to get  
in his sugar crop.  
& intend to sail 2 days hence .

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We lost a crew of  
Johanna men they  
ran away they said  
because M<sup>r</sup> Young  
thrashed them in  
my absence up  
Rovuma. I engaged  
eleven more who  
seem a more likely  
lot than the others .

I have to beg  
your attention to an  
affair of King our  
leading stoker. His  
wife is reported to  
him to be living  
with another man .  
He wished to cut

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off his allowance to  
her at once but I  
advised him to be  
cautious as it might  
turn out to be a false  
report. He has asked  
M<sup>rs</sup> Young to see if  
she ( M<sup>rs</sup> King) is living  
openly with another  
man and if so to  
report to you so  
that the pay she  
draws may be  
stopped. Any expense  
for his child he  
will freely give . I hope it may turn

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out not so bad as  
he has been led to  
believe .

Meller is with us  
again - but his spleen  
is not reduced as  
we hoped - he  
is a capital fellow .

Will you send  
the invoice or bill  
of lading of anything  
for us to Frederick  
J. Rutherfoord Esq-  
Cape Town. He  
will look after it  
con amore. All the  
beer is drunk by  
some scamps at Cape .

[0005]

I am deeply grieved  
to hear of the death  
of your friend D<sup>r</sup> MacWilliam . Our  
condensing apparatus  
has decidedly improved  
our health & when  
we can isolate the  
fore & aft compartments  
from the coal dust of  
the engine room which

I anticipate  
still better results .

With kindest compts<sup>s</sup>

I am &c

David Livingstone