

Letter to John Washington, 9 December 1857

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With the
Admiralty
9th Dec^r
1857
Dear Captain Washington
While waiting at Admiralty I shall & answer your
1st the unhealthy extends 200 [miles] from coast

[0002] untill you get the gorge Lupata

2^d 3 3/4 miles per hour some parts a more say 4.
3^d No. the steam launch of be used above rapid.
4th I suppose that are formed

[0003] certain dykes of which I saw in the direction which the rapid - there is no fall of
the there I am so it is not

"a water fall"

5. M^r Hoskins now a boat in China do not know any the "Grecian" men

[0004]

M^r Swaine was at the same with Hoskins he was 2^d master the Pluto steamer I was at
Loanda. There are others who there on the Castor Captain Parker who was killed at Danube

[0005]

6th the good con-by a larger would be quickly through unhealthy part being any on shore the
launch . It is the Portuguese where my is chiefly be done

[0006]

7 I understood that
M^r Lairds vessel draw
5 feet only in river but be loaded to 8 ft for sea voyage.
8 ft seems too for the voyage up

[0007] it is desirable to the first attempt . Any , getting to banks &c be excused subsequent .
If it not draw than 8 ft that too deep the purpose till river is known

[0008]

but if we should out in May think that such vessel would go up easily to
Tett or Nyungwe
~~but~~ for prudence the less she the better
Thanks for the from the Foreign I am Dear Sir yours D. Livingstone