

Letter to John Washington, 21 February 1862

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We shall soon be out of all provisions except beans but hope the Admiral may be able to supply us. Preserved meats are at the Cape

R. Zambesi 21st Feby 1862

Dear Captain Washington

We are going up at snail's pace in consequence of having the chief portion of the shell of the new steamer on board. Captain Wilson of H M S Gorgon assisted with his men and officers to take the pieces out of the brig and place them on board. We have the boilers & 2 sections in his paddlebox boats - want of provisions will compel him to return so I write to say that I have taken M^r Edward Young a gunner from the Gorgon to navigate the Lady Nyassa - at £173 - per annum - and he wishes - £160 to be paid to his wife Eliza Young, Providence Cottage, Brockhurst, near Gosport - [Hants] -

M^r Gedye wishes to go home & I regret very much to part with him as he has behaved very well indeed all the time
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We require a boat or two Our two whalers of 1858 are done

1st March

We cannot carry 35 tons up the river so must unload at

he has been with us. I engaged also a carpenter and smith who were on their passage home from Johanna, the carpenter is a Tyrolese I believe and his pay is £7-10 per month

His name Augustus Waldman
the smith William Macleod - a
Scotchman is a very good workman
His pay is £10 per month. We
have one able seaman & two quarter
masters from the Gorgon for the
lake steamer, and exchange John
Neale on account of sickness
alone, for William Goldsmith
a volunteer. A few more hands
would have been all the better
but we shall do what we can with the
natives.

If you can assist M^r Gedye
to another situation you will
do a good deed, as he deserves
it. He had a severe touch of fever
when we were away at the Lake
and I suspect fears another.
He would prefer the coast guard
but to whatever station you
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Shupanga - put a steamer together & try & tow her up. We have been
three weeks in reaching Shupanga David Livingstone

would recommend him I think
you would have no reason to regret
having done so. He professes regret at
leaving and willingness to return, I
suppose on other terms. I offered
him the command on M^r May's leaving
but he declined though to obviate his
objection I offered to lay down his
daily position for him. He said
that he must have some one to
navigate so I was forced to do it
myself though knowing next to
nothing about navigation.

David Gwilliam or Gwillim
wishes to send (£20) Twenty Pounds
to his wife Elizabeth Gwillim

Smith Rope Walk Ground

Woolwich - Kent.

He says his pension is not paid
so regularly as she requires and

he wishes to send this out
of his pay. All advances of money
are sent to [be] placed against each
seaman in the Flag ship.

I have asked Admiral Walker if
he will send up a party to set the
Rovuma question at rest from the
[0004]
sea upwards. It is very important
that this point be settled while the
present state of American affairs
lasts. the Governor General of Mosam
bique went up lately with some 3
ships to try & induce the Sultan to
say that Rovuma instead of Cape
Delgado is the boundary between
Zanzibar and Portugal. by Col Rigby's
advice the true boundary Cape
Delgado which to the eye looks 8 or 10
miles south of Rovuma was asserted
to be the boundary. Amidst the multi-
plicity of points that engross your
attention I entreat you to bear this
in remembrance. Cape Delgado is
the boundary beyond dispute - the
attempt of the Gov. Gen^l shews that
we are right.

Pioneer too heavily laden goes up
very slowly but we unloaded five
tons at Shupanga and will make
three trips of the whole ship. All
our efforts will be bent to
getting this vessel on the Lake
M^{rs} L is here and well. Thanks
true and hearty for all your kindness
to her Ever Yours David Livingstone