

## Letter to H. Norton Shaw, 20 January 1857

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20<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1857

D<sup>r</sup> Norton Shaw

My Dear Sir

I herewith  
forward for your  
perusal a letter from  
Lieutenant Hoskins  
R.N. whose acquaintance  
I made in Loando  
Angola, and whom

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I have reason to  
remember with  
gratitude as he  
furnished me  
with a copy of  
"Humbolt's Cosmos"  
which afforded me  
pleasant reading  
half way accross  
the continent. He  
was then in com  
mand of the Pluto  
a war steamer

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stationed on the West  
coast, and had  
been in command  
of a vessel on the  
East Coast also, hence  
the mistake of rank  
to which he alludes.

I understood from  
the Portuguese authorities  
in Eastern Africa  
that the late Captain  
Parker examined the  
principal branch of  
the Zambesi up to

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the point where I  
left that river viz.  
Mazaro or "mouth of  
the Mutu" otherwise  
called the river of  
Quilimane, and  
was highly pleased  
with its capabilities the Portuguese speak  
highly of him to  
this day, and their  
admiration of his

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abilities induced me  
to nurse a severe  
tertian I had caught  
at Mazaro instead  
of going round  
and examining  
the mouths of the  
Zambesi myself.  
I had the impression  
[too] that my examination  
of a point requiring  
nautical knowledge

[0006]  
and experience would  
be like that of a  
monkey & lookingglass.

As the Lords of  
the Admiralty are  
always willing to do  
anything in their  
power to forward  
the interests of science  
and commerce,  
would it not be  
well to beg of them  
the favour of

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any details sent home  
by Captain Parker  
during his command  
on the East coast  
respecting the mouths  
of the Zambesi, not  
because we undervalue  
the testimony of  
Lieut<sup>t</sup> Hoskins but  
in order to furnish  
your society and  
the public with the  
fullest information

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on ~~the~~[a] very important  
point

Believe me Dear Sir

Faithfully yours

David Livingstone