

## Letter to John Washington, 4 September 1862

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Johanna 4<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1862

Dear Admiral Washington

I wrote a note

today advising you that it had been necessary to draw £50 from Captain Gardener of H.M.S. Orestes but I ought to have said £100 for I found that I had to pay the late Johanna crew of six men £115-8 for 15 months service. then having engaged 10 new hands at the same rate, namely 28 shillings per month and £2 or £3 more per annum to the headman of the party I had to give 2 months advance or £28.

Then I had to buy paint oil & turpentine - pitch to caulk the vessell fresh meat & vegetables about £23 [& advances to the men] and had only £100 from the admiral to do all this with. the full particulars will be sent in next years account. I only wish to advise

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you of the £100 and as this is to be sent by way of Mayotta - the other by Mauritius I may repeat that we have come here on our way to Rovuma to spend the months between this and the flood of December in boat exploration of that river. We were obliged to come with our Johanna men and to get others Three whites are sent to the flag ship. One Charles Neale to be invalided home - all good men but frequently sick We shall leave Rovuma about the beginning of Dec<sup>r</sup> for this & Zambesi and I hope to report success to you

I need say nothing to you  
about our anxiety to get an  
outlet of our own to Lake  
Nyassa.

John Pennell Lead<sup>g</sup> St<sup>r</sup>  
desires to remit (£10) - Ten

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pounds to M<sup>r</sup> H. Fieldsend  
N<sup>o</sup> 7 Spa Terrace  
Barnsley  
Yorkshire.

the money to be drawn at the  
excise office there as there is no  
bank I hope it may be convenient  
to oblige him as he is a very well  
behaved man.

We are at present all in very  
good health. the Orestes tows  
us over to Rovuma that  
being in his way. Our despatches  
go to Mauritius by him  
this may come sooner to hand  
Lady Nyassa is launched &  
in charge of Macleod & Reid  
at Shupanga

I am Dear Sir

Most truly yours

David Livingstone

Could our letters not come overland  
to care of the Governor of  
Mauritius to be forwarded to Johanna

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We exchange David Gwillam  
Q<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> for another. His advances  
of pay amount to £5 - and  
account is to be sent to the  
Flag Ship