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Pungo Andongo

31st Dec^r 1854

~~Sir Roderick Impey Murchison~~

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Sir

‡[T]he letter marked
Nº I. is a copy from
memory chiefly, of one I
sent under date of August
last which, with a map
of the country travelled
over, I have lately ~~learned~~[heard],
was lost in the destruction
of the "Forerunner" off
Madeiria. I had [^][The] fever

[0002] [2] so frequently after leaving
Cassangé[~~that~~[that]] I ~~took~~[could only take] Latitudes [,]
~~only putting~~[inserting[inserting]] them and
my route in ~~in~~ pencil:[and]
I promised to send a
better ~~m~~[M]ap of Angola back
from e[C]assange on my
return. ~~by the unfortunate event above noticed I am obliged to send you a sketch of the whole~~
~~way,‡[T]his I shall do as I originally intended from~~
the last point to which
the Postal arrangements
extend. I have been

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detained some time here re-
producing ~~my~~ [the] letters ~~by~~ [lost in] the
"Forerunner". [and][and] I leave for
Cassangé tomorrow morning.
[NP.] I [naturally] feel some little regret at
the loss of ~~the~~ [my] ~~m~~ [M]ap, for
believing it safe in your
hands, I have been rather
free in giving [away] Latitudes, &
Longitudes and Sketches of
the country, some of which
have been [copied and] sent to Germany.
~~[by a german botanist, who is here,]~~ And I have some Ambition[;[.]]
as I am the only one who
ever made astronomical
observations in this ~~country~~ [part of the world,]

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that [England] my own ~~Father Land~~ [Country]
should have the preference[.-]

[At present] I give the following list [(see List) [Insert List]]
~~at present.~~

~~Golungo Alto. Latitude south 9° 8' 30" ; Long. 14° 59' 21" tThis is the mean of seven
Lunar Observations. tThe residence of the chief or commandant of the district is the point of
observation~~

~~About 10' West and in Lat 9° 15' 0" is the confluence of LuinhuaLuinha and LucallaLuce
Rivers in the district of Cazengo. Lat. 9° 26' 21". confluence of Luinha and Lucalla; 3° west of
this point stands the ancient iron foundery erected by order of Marquis of Pombal~~

~~Lat. 9° 37' 50". confluence of Lucalla & Coanza, on which stands the fort and town of
Massemgano. I could get no Lunar there, but I have bearings which will give an approximation
to the Longitude.~~

~~Ambaca. Residence of the Commandant Lat. 9° 16' 35" S. Long. 15° 23' 15" E.~~

~~Pungo Andongo. the residence of Mr Piris, on the South side of the Rocks. 9° 40' 35" S.
Lat. The Fort is probably exactly on 9° 40' the Long. by three good observations each giving
nearly a similar result in 15° 33' 40" E. Lat. of Coanza R. at a point S.S W. of the fort of
Pungo Andongo 9° 47' 3". It runs closer to this, than that on the South East viz: 3 or 4 distant~~

~~[The above are given at present as a pre-caution. I shall put all I have into the map
and in another letter to be marked No II. will furnish information respecting this Province itself.~~

~~I am, Sir~~

~~Yours Faithfully~~

~~David Livingston~~

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List for insertion in note from
Pungo Andongo Dec 31

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South Latitude

	S. Lat	E.	Remarks.
		Long.	
Golungo Alto	9° 8 - 30	14° 59 21"	Mean of 7 lunar observations at the residence of the Commandant
confluence of the Luinha and Luce R.	9. 15. - 0	14°. 49. 0	In Cazengo District. The Longitude is approximate.
Confluence of the Luinha and Lucalla	9. 26. - 21.		
Confluence of the Lucalla and Coanza	9. 37. - 50		Fort & town of Massemgano is on this confluence. No Lunars [I] could be obtained but an [no lunars, but I have][bearings for an] approximate Longitude.
Ambaca	9. 16. - 35	15. 23. 15	At the residence of the Commandant
Pungo Andongo	9. 40. - 35	9. 40. 0	The Residence of Mr. Piris on the S. side of the Rocks
-The Fort	9. 40. - 0	15. 33. 40	The Long. from 3 good observations
Coanza R. at a point S.S.W of the Fort of Pungo Andongo	9. 47. - 3		
Cassange	9. 37. - 29	17. 43. 30	From many observations

~~The above are given at present as a precaution~~

The Quango R.	9. 51. 28 -	At the ford, 150 yards wide
The Chikapa R.	10. 38. 0 -	Flowing W.N.W., 60 yards wide
The Chihuné & Confluence of the	10. 57. - 31	Both small streams. Canoes on the latter
Chi[h]uné and Longe		30.

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S. Lat.	E.	Remarks
	Long.	

The Casai (Kasye) or Loké (at the ford) Lake Dilolo, source of the Lotembwa	11°. 17 0	-		Flowing N.E. & ENE, 120 yards broad W end is 1/2 mile broad. E end is said to be 6 miles broad. the same longitude as Katema
	between 11. 30. 0 and 11. 32. 0			
Katema town	11. 35. 37	-	22. 47. 0	Near the R. Lotembwa
Lotembwa R. crossed in Soana malopo Villages	11. 40. 0	-		Above 100 yards broad
	11. 49. 42	-	22. 52. 0	3 miles n n w of the ford on the R. Lokaloeje

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