

## Letter to George H. Richards, 10 February 1864

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Captain G. H. Richards R.N.  
Dear Sir

The accompanying for the late Admiral Washing- whose loss I deeply deplore, sent unaltered to you, as I informed by Sir Thomas that you have been chief of the Hydrographic . We have been in the of corresponding in the style of that letter as we shall start for the as soon as we have , the want of time to otherwise is my excuse

[0002] begging you to consider it as to yourself:

The flood came unusually late this but rose very high. It was more trying to wait so long as much as I felt that there actually abundance of time my having explored the Lake Bemba and a portion the river system of the Luapula possibly discharges through Tanganyika into the Casai & Congo, but all enjoyed good .

We carried away the Rudder being swept against a bank the current. this delayed us that we were a fortnight in down the Shire. We off the last of the missionaries Morambala mountain some forty captives who

[0003] been attached to the mission

[^][of] bishop Mackenzie, but whom

bishop Tozer wished to abandon. I was instrumental in these captives I felt honour bound to see them of the country if necessary my own expense. they are on board the Lady Nyassa. Portuguese officials have all very civil to me personally, we know that these people were captured by of their slaves. In our they never refer to the . The liberated are chiefly and all exceedingly glad to with their missionary friends of whom we have on board

I am informed by D<sup>r</sup> Kirk on the recommendation the surgeon of the Orestes  
D<sup>r</sup> Playfair, the seamen

[0004] from the Pioneer - D<sup>r</sup> Kirk & M<sup>r</sup> Livingstone were by the overland passage. On of the expense I cautioned

D<sup>r</sup> Kirk not to take that route & if he did so it must be at his cost. It seems D<sup>r</sup> Playfair said that he would have nothing do with the men & on his authority Captain Gardner decided on the passage. I used the precaution previously am not responsible for the .

I intend to go Northwards - to Bombay in search a market for Lady Nyassa being no probability of our of her at the Cape -

And am Dear Sir

Faithfully yours

David Livingstone