

Letter to H. Norton Shaw, 20 January 1857

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D^r 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

[0003]

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

[0004]

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

[0005]

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

[0007]

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^t 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

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