

Letter to John Washington, 20 October, 30 November [1859]

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Private Shire 20 Oct^r

Baines and Thornton were left Tette because January February March are unhealthy months I wished to save them exposure of the Shire valley left orders for C. Livingstone go S.W. with them as soon the unhealthy period was . War prevented him . And no one suspected Baines of dishonesty till associated with certain "ticket of leave men" and to any made away with some ~~provisions~~ of white sugar, butter

[0002] hams, wine and even companions property - stowing some of the latter in his . They were astounded on it as he had been by the Geographical , Colonial Office &c. &c confessed to some breaches trust, but we dont know he has made away with & put it down to his head having affected by fever till found that he had not only his fellow members' but took precious one of all his own & of whatever he had

[0003] . Bedingfeld made great deal of him & favoured him in a way you would it difficult to believe. have sent D^r Kirk & M^r across country from Chibisa - Tette to bring Thornton & Baines away and dismiss into Lynx, at Kongone get on well when with a few never contemplated what am sure was considerate for the sake of health be turned into villainy party now weeded of Bedingfeld and the Kroomen whom he tampered & he spoiled & Baines& with D^r Kirk. Rae & C.L. is now effective

[0004] our prospects daily brighter mean to put a wooden bottom the 1/16 of an inch one at Kongone by beaching her and digging the sand below - have made new funnel of copper sheets Persian. The opening up Shire into Nyassa I never anticipated to think no frosts to kill crops [as in America] - One sowing of foreign yields for three years, and staple fine & long. Their changes of within a few miles of each . the greatest boon the has given is cure of quickly [& generally]without loss of in the patient. Quinine in the cure (and then it is in), is a farce. We are getting very in flesh - hope some one will send a little bitter ale. David Livingstone

30 Nov^r Lynx in sight - Thornton took to work he was cut off & is gone up to Zumbo a Portuguese trader.