

Letter to John Washington, 6 October 1858

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My Dear Captain Washington

A letter from M^r Cook master in charge of the Lynx I recieved at Shupanga such a different of Luabo or principal of the Zambesi[from ours] that think I would not be doing duty did I not place it in hands. The Lynx remained week we remained only days - this shews what survey might effect went yesterday up a creek off from the left this harbour & running with the coast & that it communicated

[0002] the Luabo and today we the launch through it our way back to Tette have got several repairs made her - and I got a quartermaster

John Walker- and a stoker

W^m Roe for her the former double full pay £72 per - the latter at £50 Ban is the vessel for the of if it will be given then a second master surveyor would be quite enough rank for her . My experience lead me to prefer

being without a naval com . Kirk & Thornton anxious to go to Manica way of Gorongozo West of

Senna. The only difficulty see in the way is I cannot

[0003] well leave the Launch to with them. I am very to see the inscriptions Gorongozo. The river October attains its lowest the Ban would go up Tette easily even now we know which is best channel. This launch decidedly bad as far as the is concerned a head holds the paddles & she cant turn the centre

I have drawn on the of the expedition as I had to give Pearl £30 and some , and paid advances Kroomen's wages arrears of two we leave in Lynx.

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We had not a drop of wine for quinine though we have used river stock for that alone as medicine - though I am out of money as I expect bill for Bedingfeld's keep at

Kilimane and we have decided to come down at Christmas account of getting per Lynx we needed then I thought best to be beforehand - I expect shall need no more for twelvemonth. Thanks for your kind notes - We are at present well - this harbour is all exposed the see breeze and not like Skead's & closed in by Mangrove . Next time I shall tell all about the Kebrabasa for go now to examine it at low . I am hoping we shall not to take the Launch to pieces there - I have got various supplies &c from the naval departments being very kind

David Livingstone

I wrote a letter to M^r John Laird and gave him full particulars his engine but on second thoughts do not send it. On careful . I think his conduct to us shameful. Numerous articles given gratis with engines are to us all charged.

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The Lynx lost a boat's crew on the Luabo bar before came down having mistaken it for

the Kongone. I suggested Captain Berkely to put up a beacon on the island on Kongone

[0006] and he has done it except supports which are indicated by dotted . I have decided to

ask the Governor of Kilimane to send letters to Mozambique rather than allow ship's boats at that dangerous port. We shall try also to get our kept at a village near this.