

## Letter to John Washington, 2 September 1862

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Johanna, 2 September 1862

Dear Captain Washington

We came over to Pomory  
in order to get some provisions here  
before starting for Rovuma. the fire  
bars were burned in the way across,  
and we could scarcely get along on  
the second half of the way without  
stopping every now and then, to get  
up steam. M<sup>r</sup> Rae says the fault  
lies in the coals being very bad. When  
turning round to come into the narrow  
entrance of this bay she went so slowly  
that we came too near the right hand  
point of the reef, and we distinctly heard  
her scrape a small portion. there  
was no concussion but it is probable  
that some copper may have been  
ripped off as she made 4 inches  
more water than usual in 12 hours.  
We shall beach her at Rovuma  
and put on any plates that may be  
off. I write at once that you may  
know exactly how matters are.  
We ought not to have come here at all  
at this season but been content with  
what we got at the town David Livingstone  
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P.S. though believing it my duty to  
give you the worst that can fairly  
be said of anything that happens  
to us I must add that we had  
a heavy sea running all night  
and we leaked much more when  
steaming than we do now. We  
are loose all over and to get  
pitch to caulk from M<sup>r</sup> Sunley  
was the chief reason for our  
coming round.

M<sup>r</sup> Young begs to give the  
whole of his pay to his wife  
instead of £160 as formerly asked  
and any store keeping allowance  
that you may allow him too.

D.L.