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H.M. Exploring Ship Pioneer

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My Dear Captain Washington

By H.M.S. Ariel, Captain I sent a box addressed to you containing drawings made by Baines at Tette. they intended to shew the scenery of country and if you see no objections should like them kept in case of my at some future time. they be handed over to M^r Murray the . One shewing the vegetation of the

Luabo or rather the Pandanus tree there be given to Sir William Hooker his Museum. I have retained none, but hear that B. has smuggled some away the Cape. You will do what you think best with them.

I sent also the injured Magnetical to General Sabine - about other boxes I advised you per Ariel.

As the Ale you kindly send never to hand it will be advisable send the invoices [of it &] of anything else my agent Frederick J. Rutherfoord Esq

Cape Town, and he will see that they not allowed to go astray at the

Cape as usual. the brasses &c &c I are still at the Cape. the old

[0002] are patched up by M^r Rae. If I ever contemplated having anything do with steamers I should certainly studied steam in a systematic way.

Hardisty I can now see behaved in a shameful way with the engines - tied up with bits of string instead of mended - and the journals all so that, though while in the river at rest we do not make an inch water in weeks, the engine shakes her at sea that four pumps could not her dry. Under sail in a rough we scarcely make an inch of water 24 hours. Rae says that they [engines] require complete overhauling. Before Hardisty I told him quietly how I gradually to the conviction that he had been negligent & especially by seeing state of the packing & air pump. replied that M^r Rae had put me up that &c &c. I did not take evidence the stokers as I felt it would be too much like himself - always a level with them - but you will Rowe and may enquire if necessary the brasses were broken, and prevented M^r Hardisty mending wheel. the idea that I prevented him doing his duty is as bold a stroke falsehood as I have encountered

[0003] left Kongone on the 6th and after days find ourselves only in

18° 16' S. and Longitude 41° 10' East. question if the monsoons are to be on here. We have had North North East winds & calms - instead South East winds. Yesterday we our first fine south wind & before it 60 miles and at noon ourselves 12 miles South West where we started. We had a current at least 72 miles in 24 hours colour of the current water is deep . the wind having died away got up steam and ran 8 miles[hours] the East getting back into the common of the ocean. The high lands of

Madagascar must influence the winds, the current does not seem to be broad. It is probably between 39° 40' 40' or 41° S. We had some we steamed out from the coast none in 37° & 38° E. We met a last year about 40° E. having current with her southwards of 40° day. I think some idea of the current be gained by its colour which remarked & it was not influenced

[0004] the sky which has been cloudless. We not steam over to the East as we carry but little of our bulky fuel & keep some as a standby

On 23^d we reached Mohilla touching first in preference to Johanna as food is cheaper. Then came over to

Johanna paid the Johanna men for

13 1/2 months. This required more than £100 Admiral sent me. They recieved £1.8 month and the headman £2 over the pay for the whole time - the at Mohilla & here I shall put next years account.

Tomorrow ~~31st August~~ 1st September we for Rovuma intending to go up boats while the Pioneer lies and is all over in the Bay. I saw we should have some trouble in Lady Nyassa in a low river - were bound in honour to take the men back the Ariel being to the Cape and if you have at my accounts of the of the Portuguese you will my anxiety to be away them to an outlet of our . So we have concluded to the months between this and December flood of the Zambesi in exploration of Rovuma

I wish you would look at my opinion of Viscount de sá da Bandejas as given to M^r Layard for Earl Russell. We have

[0005] good health since we left the river - took seventeen days to Mohilla shall write from this in Dec^r next. I am &c &c David Livingstone