

## Letter to John Washington, 28 September 1858

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My Dear Captain Washington

Many thanks for your notes which gave me pleasure and some . I tried to keep up good name we had we left but had not at last exerted my the complete dis-of the Expedition have been the

[0002] . This all declared when told them I had accepted C<sup>r</sup>Bed- resignation. There has been a single jar with any and me or with each other there were several with him him talking of Skead's perseverance in as "that old fool off". It was sorely the grain for me to the step which caused the as he let it become that he would attack on the Sunday work - took warning by the experience the Grt Niger Expedition which have been informed had

[0003] three times a day & all Sunday - I would remain an hour in the swamps and been attacked in the papers by an officer of Expedition in consequence may call out against but they would call out if I lost my men.

I ordered some things to sent up a Christmas the Admiral kindly them up at once - this me draw £105 than I intended - the

[0004] war is ended and now hire canoes to carry all our things - so I keep money we have on for that. I believe shall require no more a twelve month. We have no fever properly so but colds modified malaria - no one has been more than a week. have been taking quinine water of late and as I that when we get the first unhealthy in January march companions well

[0005] something bracing I some ale porter & for them. I consider Expedition as conducting health experiment as well other matters. I take all up Tete where M<sup>r</sup> Livingstone now making magnetic obser-and Major Secard us a house and plot land a mile or two above Tete to conduct experiments cotton and sugar cane sooner did the war than he took up the engine and sugar mill

[0006] a lot of luggage. At his the gentlemen of

Tete at once got me a ton a half of coal the first digged in this country very feasible stuff it is though exposed in the of the Unatize to the of floods & sun for . It will be better farther so all say. I send a report it by Thornton - also a made by him. He being to geologize in the . Kirk has been working at Economic botany has made indigo - We have

[0007] vitae -Ebony & teak African oak & some fine . I intend to take care the young men at the above Tete making in agriculture the healthier period comes it is only a few rocks render the passage and these of small I may try blast them but I do not it. I would not half a year's daily as a quarry man if could open this pathway the Interior

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The Portuguese wish to purchase cotton gins, and I mean sell two. The press will be for Buaze if it is in . the war has very much against us it has caused immense of property and depopu-. Portuguese are as friendly usual - all of them.

My companions have no serious illness - but have had ailments chiefly except myself - we feel necessity of care - but this has the great peculiarity being a sandy in contrast the muddy rivers of the West inspires hope David Livingstone

I thank you for your kind remembrance my wife - she will be at Sekeletus before us