

## Letter to Samuel M. Peto, 21 June 1858

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Zambesi river 21<sup>st</sup> June  
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Dear Sir Morton

We have been for than a month exploring the of this river in order to a safe entrance, and having beyond our expectations giving up hopes of entering the Lualio as recommended Captain Parker we find it to send away the Pearl go up in the steam Launch Robert. The Pearl draws

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9<sup>ft</sup> 7. and though at this time a falling river we could get a never less than 12 ft [*xWe have long reaches of four or six miles from 5 to 7 fathoms then a crossing of 12 ft. it has to be searched for*] we were specially charged not risk her detention in the river have set up the iron house an island about 40 miles the sea and when all our are in it the Pearl will sent off to Ceylon. We shall them up to Tete by successive and the iron house last all. Now if we had a ship, (paddle) four or five feet such as offered to build we could now go with ease up to

Tete. I gave you estimate to

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Captain Washington and he took a copy desired me to apply to the Foreign for such a vessel and he I am sure second the application. these matters are generally put into Macgregor Laird's hands in this . He writes to Washington an letter telling what kind of he thinks best for such an and it saves the great the trouble of thinking the is at once handed over to . By this mail I apply for vessel described by you and earnestly hope it will be put your hands for I am sure do the work efficiently and amore. I dont know whether are acquainted with Washington

[0004] so you would hear how my proposition viewed and might assist me other-by your influence with the higher .

the first news we got of the Portuguese that they had been expelled the by the natives. this alters aspect of affairs in the river for - but as it happened before we we cannot be blamed for the Portuguese call rebellion visited a party of the rebels at Mazaro though about 200 appeared well ready to dispute our progress my calling out that we were they raised a shout of joy at once ran off to bring & fowls for sale. We have no fever. M<sup>rs</sup> L was obliged to us at the Cape but fortunately M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Moffat there and will after confinement join us by coming overland

Sorry I did not get Havelock's life before leaving kindest salutations to Lady Peto, Aunt Helen M<sup>r</sup> Brock. Livingstone

I have referred to your offer in my dispatch & Lord Malmesbury that a copy is with Washington