

## Letter to John Washington, 4 September 1862

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Johanna 4<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1862

Dear Admiral Washington

I wrote a note  
today advising you that it had  
been necessary to draw £50 from  
Captain Gardener of H.M.S. Orestes  
but I ought to have said £100 for  
I found that I had to pay the  
late Johanna crew of six men  
£115-8 for 15 months service.  
then having engaged 10 new  
hands at the same rate, namely  
28 shillings per month and £2 or  
£3 more per annum to the  
headman of the party I had to give  
2 months advance or £28.  
Then I had to buy paint oil &  
turpentine - pitch to caulk the  
vessell fresh meat & vegetables  
about £23 [& advances to the men] and had only  
£100 from the admiral to do  
all this with. the full particulars  
will be sent in next years  
account. I only wish to advise  
[0002]  
you of the £100 and as this is to  
be sent by way of Mayotta - the  
other by Mauritius I may repeat  
that we have come here on our  
way to Rovuma to spend  
the months between this and  
the flood of December in boat  
exploration of that river. We  
were obliged to come with our  
Johanna men and to get others  
Three whites are sent to the  
flag ship. One Charles Neale  
to be invalided home - all  
good men but frequently sick  
We shall leave Rovuma  
about the beginning of Dec<sup>r</sup>

for this & Zambesi and  
I hope to report success to you  
I need say nothing to you  
about our anxiety to get an  
outlet of our own to Lake  
Nyassa.

John Pennell Lead<sup>g</sup> St<sup>r</sup>  
desires to remit (£10) - Ten  
[0003]  
pounds to M<sup>r</sup> H. Fieldsend

N<sup>o</sup> 7 Spa Terrace

Barnsley

Yorkshire.

the money to be drawn at the  
excise office there as there is no  
bank I hope it may be convenient  
to oblige him as he is a very well  
behaved man.

We are at present all in very  
good health. the Orestes tows  
us over to Rovuma that  
being in his way. Our despatches  
go to Mauritius by him  
this may come sooner to hand  
Lady Nyassa is launched &  
in charge of Macleod & Reid  
at Shupanga

I am Dear Sir

Most truly yours

David Livingstone

Could our letters not come overland  
to care of the Governor of  
Mauritius to be forwarded to Johanna  
[0004]

We exchange David Gwillam  
Q<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> for another. His advances  
of pay amount to £5 - and  
account is to be sent to the  
Flag Ship