

## Letter to John Washington, 15 December 1862

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River Zambesi 15<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>  
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Dear Admiral Washington

We came from Johanna to the of the Kongone in five days during which without steam and a light head we were carried 60 miles a day. coals were expended when we made the . We could have gone into Namiara Nyamiara a double mouthed port about 30 miles from Luabo but were afraid to run risk in a spot we did not know except Portuguese reports with wind blowing on shore, so we bore away with to Quilimaine River - cut wood , and came round to Kongone. We the Zambesi very low but the water rising, and we shall be towing the Lady up in about a week. I shall feel relieved when fairly at that . the oxen & mules are in good con-and promise fairly to facilitate labours.

Thanks for Captain Maury's work. is exceedingly interesting. Had we possessed sooner we should have looked abroad more intelligent interest - the black colour of the sea tells when we are the current - we noticed this both in and coming. In the hollow south of Mosambique & west of 38° E. there seems to no current except near the shore

[0002] there it is towards the North. We have twice decieved by being too clever - allowance for a current to the and finding we made the land where we steered for North of our .

My Chief object in writing at present to beg you to transmit (£10) Ten Pounds Quarter-master Collyer to M<sup>rs</sup> 13 Bilbury St. Plymouth be payable at Devonport Dockyard sum is additional to what she has regularly drawing

Also to M<sup>rs</sup> Magrath Ten Pounds  
(£10) from Q<sup>r</sup> Master Magrath - this too additional - her address is M<sup>rs</sup> . Dawlish; Devonshire:

And to Sarah Jane Saunders our carpenter to be drawn as to what she now draws Portsmouth Dockyard, Five Pounds  
(£5) her address is - Sarah Jane 16 Plymouth St. Southsea.

Also £5. to M<sup>rs</sup> Pearce, 46 Albion - she is mother of the man sends it and does not draw anything - we recieved him from the . All are well behaved men.

[0003]

We hear that Thornton is up at Senna waiting I suppose for some one take him to Gorongoza - mountains inscriptions west of that village did not take him with us to Rovuma because we left the intention of going down to sea for provisions only and send home our Johanna crew have eleven new Johanna men Kroomen's wages - they promise be very useful. They scarcely have fever and dont with the natives.

I see Pocket Aneroids mentioned the Journal of the Society of Arts, were unfortunate enough to 2 common barometers - one a hawser light dropping down skylight and other by two natives and tumbling down into the . Will you favour us a couple of pocket Aneroids are by Mess<sup>rs</sup> Frankham & of Wilson St. Grays inn Road are mentioned in the journal May 16<sup>th</sup> 1862. they are said to improvements but you will be to judge whether there is anything this - the mountain Barometer

[0004] out smashed & so was one of the point instruments - M<sup>r</sup> May brought fowling pieces - my private one is too heavy. Indeed it is an elephant as well, I bought another fowling lighter for £10 (private) and it does carry well. Both those we brought Gov<sup>t</sup> were very good but one quite used up.

We shall not come down till of £1864. Our fresh meats groceries will then be quite . Please think of this at your .

The Makololo mission is about be renewed. M<sup>r</sup> Moffat senior who one with Mosilikatze will help and so will his son. Helmore & his party it turns out no medicine except a little 's powder!

Two carpenters - Two masons - one and a headman - an Englishman (the rest being Scotch) set out from to form a settlement near us, at their trades the wages going to common fund: they bought two waggon were proposing to go overland when magistrate who testifies to their good at Ahival North, Cape Colony the case before the Governor. His consulted me about sending by sea. They seem to be the men who suit our plans much better than who have been employed by the of the Universities

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Shupanga 18<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> One of the missionaries informs me that the

[0005] slaving is going on from Shire to Tette at the rate of 100

[0006] week I feel inclined to hang a few of the blackgaurds