

Letter to [Commander Her Majesty's Ship], 13 August 1858

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[0001]

Expedition Island
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Longitude 35°-51'-09" E

On this Island the Zambesi Expedition under D^r Livingstone erected their iron house and deposited their luggage till by five successive trips the Ma Robert steam Launch removed it up the river. At this log of lignum vitae [(1)] M^r Francis Skead R.N. [(2)] observed for the latitude and Longitude

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[] [(3)] At a tree about 300 yds Mag. North marked with the broad arrow and the letter M M^r Charles Livingstone took sets of observations for Magnetical dip. deflection, vibration [(3)] and declination

On this day the Expedition finally quits the island to go first to Shupanga and thence to Tete.

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It is hoped that about three trips will suffice to land all the Expedition at Tete some machinery and stores will be left at Shupanga and Senna [(4)]

All the members of
the Expedition have
enjoyed good health
- ever since our arrival
in the Delta in the
middle of May last.
All except one have
taken small doses
of quinine daily.
M^r Baines suffers
a little at present

[0004]
a slight stroke of the sun.
[(5)][] The country has been in
a state of war ever
since we came but
no party ever molested
us - [(5)] We have had
intercourse with both
[(6)][] Portuguese and what
are termed rebels
without offence [(6)]

We propose to come
down from Tete to the
mouth of the Kongone so as
to be there on Christmas day
next to recieve & deliver
despatches

David Livingstone
H.M Consul.