

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

[0002]

[] [(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.

[0003]

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.