

## Letter to John Washington, 5 March 1861

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Rovuma Bay

5<sup>th</sup> March 1861

Dear Captain Washington

We have been eight days waiting H.M.S. Lyra with - cannot conceive detains her as expected her on the

1<sup>st</sup> and Captain Oldfield not the man to without cause.

Rovuma promises . A very large bay. the

[0002] 's mouth a mile , and no bar.

M<sup>r</sup> May got no at seventeen across the . An immense of water rushes . We went up eight miles in boat and found to be in full flood land begins that distance the mouth we seem to have very short delta

[0003] [(country)] is well wooded & snags shew character higher . People speak same language at Senna (nearly) we shall get on. expect the Bishop Lyra. He agreed, without a pang, postpone landing Africa for three . This takes over the three unhealthy into three most healthy

[0004] of the year and Rovuma our expectations will make his there & so we quite away Portuguese . Had we them up to

Murchison's Cataracts would have been them to risk run by the

Linyanti mission (the bishop's) luggage

& some of his people landed at Johanna

[0005] soon as we see there is a pathway Nyassa we go examine it while the goes to Johanna bring the whole . We believe the may be there as it is to be the Makoa . We like we have seen the bishop and party very much rejoice much see them as the

[0006] installment of mission destined hope to do great good Africa

I have to beg you correct a mistake which I fell in prescription of our Fever Powder went over to the .W. to examine a creek shown the chart as a were really so. opens into the bay

[0007] its northern extremity it is simply a creek, is a mouth more the N.W. - no doubt as got into a goodly of fresh water going S.W. and all day without the main [in the West] of Rovuma in the boat waked & recollected I had given the of calomel ought to have Rhubarb & you send the

[0008] to D<sup>r</sup> MacWilliam mistake will be

M<sup>r</sup> May knows his and I am right of the prospect getting at last mine. We cannot with our white , and a month the river will be great risk. We them double while in the river. I keep Rowe as he is of great to us ashore.

David Livingstone

6 March Lyra in sight

Should Rovuma not prove favourable we go back to Shire & in the healthiest time