

Letter to John Washington, 2 September 1862

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Johanna, 2 September 1862

Dear Captain Washington

We came over to Pomory

in order to get some provisions here before starting for Rovuma. the fire bars were burned in the way across, and we could scarcely get along on the second half of the way without stopping every now and then, to get up steam. M^r Rae says the fault lies in the coals being very bad. When turning round to come into the narrow entrance of this bay she went so slowly that we came too near the right hand point of the reef, and we distinctly heard her scrape a small portion. there was no concussion but it is probable that some copper may have been ripped off as she made 4 inches more water than usual in 12 hours. We shall beach her at Rovuma and put on any plates that may be off. I write at once that you may know exactly how matters are. We ought not to have come here at all at this season but been content with what we got at the townDavid Livingstone

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P.S. though believing it my duty to give you the worst that can fairly be said of anything that happens to us I must add that we had a heavy sea running all night and we leaked much more when steaming than we do now. We are loose all over and to get pitch to caulk from M^r Sunley was the chief reason for our coming round.

M^r Young begs to give the whole of his pay to his wife

instead of £160 as formerly asked
and any store keeping allowance
that you may allow him too.

D.L.