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[0001]

We shall soon be out of all provisions except beans but hope the
Admiral may be able to supply us. Preserved meats are at the Cape
    R. Zambesi 21$^{\underline{st}}$ Feby 1862
    Dear Captain Washington
    We are going up at
snail's pace in consequence of having
the chief portion of the shell of the new
steamer on board. Captain Wilson of
H M S Gorgon assisted with his men
and officers to take the pieces out
of the brig and place them on board
We have the boilers & 2 sections
in his paddlebox boats - want of
provisions will compel him to
return so I write to say that
I have taken M$^{\underline{r}}$ Edward Young
a gunner from the Gorgon to
navigate the Lady Nyassa - at
£173 - per annum - and he
wishes - £160 to be paid to his wife
Eliza Young, Providence Cottage,
Brockhurst, near Gosport - [Hants] -
    M$^{\underline{r}}$ Gedye wishes to go home &
I regret very much to part
with him as he has behaved
very well indeed all the time

[0002]

We require a boat or two Our two whalers of 1858 are done

1$^{\text{st}}$ March

We cannot carry 35 tons up the river so must unload at

he has been with us. I engaged also
a carpenter and smith who were on
their passage home from Johanna,
the carpenter is a Tyrolese I believe
and his pay is £7-10 per month
His name Augustus Waldman

the smith William Macleod - a
Scotchman is a very good workman
His pay is £10 per month. We
have one able seaman & two quarter
masters from the Gorgon for the
lake steamer, and exchange John
Neale on account of sickness
alone, for William Goldsmith
a volunteer. A few more hands
would have been all the better
but we shall do what we can with the
natives.

 If you can assist Mr Gedye
to another situation you will
do a good deed, as he deserves
it. He had a severe touch of fever
when we were away at the Lake
and I suspect fears another.
He would prefer the coast gaurd
but to whatever station you

[0003]

Shupanga - put a steamer together & try & tow her up. We have been
three weeks in reaching Shupanga David Livingstone
 would recommend him I think
you would have no reason to regret
having done so. He professes regret at
leaving and willingness to return, I
suppose on other terms. I offered
him the command on Mr May's leaving
but he declined though to obviate his
objection I offered to lay down his
daily position for him. He said
that he must have some one to
navigate so I was forced to do it
myself though knowing next to
nothing about navigation.
 David Gwilliam or Gwillim
wishes to send (£20) Twenty Pounds
to his wife Elizabeth Gwillim
 Smith Rope ~~Wal~~ Ground
 Woolwich - Kent.
 He says his pension is not paid
so regularly as she requires and
he wishes to send this out
of his pay. All advances of money
are sent to [be] placed against each
seaman in the Flag ship.
 I have asked Admiral Walker if
he will send up a party to set the

Rovuma question at rest from the

sea upwards. It is very important
that this point be settled while the
present state of American affairs
lasts. the Governor General of Mosam
bique went up lately with some 3
ships to try & induce the Sultan to
say that Rovuma instead of Cape
Delgado is the boundary between
Zanzibar and Portugal. by Col Rigby's
advice the true boundary Cape
Delgado which to the eye looks 8 or 10
miles south of Rovuma was asserted
to be the boundary. Amidst the multi-
plicity of points that engross your
attention I entreat you to bear this
in remembrance. Cape Delgado is
the boundary beyond dispute - the
attempt of the Gov. Gen$^{\underline{l}}$ shews that
we are right.

    Pioneer too heavily laden goes up
very slowly but we unloaded five
tons at Shupanga and will make
three trips of the whole ship. All
our efforts will be bent to
getting this vessel on the Lake
M$^{\underline{rs}}$ L is here and well. Thanks
true and hearty for all your kindness
to her Ever Yours David Livingstone