

Letter to Roderick I. Murchison, 31 December 1854

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Note

to precede Pungo Andongo

paper Begin 31st Dec^r 1854

~~Sir Roderick Impey Murchison~~

small Type

~~Sir~~

† The letter marked

Nº I. is a copy from

memory chiefly, of one I

sent under date of August

last which, with a map

of the country travelled

over, I have lately ~~learned~~ heard,

was lost in the destruction

of the "Forerunner" off

Madeira. I T had ^ The fever

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so frequently after leaving

Cassangé ~~that~~ that I ~~took~~ could only take Latitudes ,

~~only-putting~~ inserting them and

my route in ~~in~~ pencil- and

I promised to send a

better ~~m~~Map of Angola back

from eCassange on my

return - ~~by the unfortunate~~

~~event above noticed~~ I

~~am obliged to send you~~

~~a sketch of the whole~~

way, †This I shall do as

~~I originally intended~~ from

the last point to which

the Postal arrangements

extend - I have been

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detained some time here re-
producing the ~~my~~ letters lost in by the
"Forerunner" - and and I leave for
Cassangé tomorrow morning.
NP. I naturally feel some little regret at
the loss of the my ~~m~~Map, for
believing it safe in your
hands, I have been rather
free in giving away Latitudes, &
Longitudes and Sketches of
the country, some of which
have been copied and sent to Germany.
~~by a german botanist, who is here,~~
And I have some Ambition,
as I am the only one who
ever made astronomical
observations in this ~~e~~country part of the world,

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that ~~England~~ my own ~~Father Land~~ Country
should have the preference .-
At present I give the following list
~~at present.~~ (see List) Insert List -
Golungo Alto. Latitude South
~~9° 8' 30" ; Long. 14° 59' 21"~~
~~†This is the mean of seven~~
~~Lunar Observations. †The~~
~~residence of the chief or~~
~~commandant of the~~
~~district is the point of~~
~~observation~~
About 10° West and
in Lat 9° 15' 0" is the
confluence of Luinha
and Lucalla Luce Rivers

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~~in the district of Cazengo.~~
~~Lat 9° 26' 21".~~ confluence
of Luinha and Lucalla;
~~3° West of this point~~
~~stands the ancient~~

~~iron foundery erected
by order of Marquis
of Pombal -~~

~~Lat. $9^{\circ} 37' 50''$. confluence
of Lucalla & Coanza ;
on which stands the
fort and town of
Massangano - I could
get no Lunar there ;~~

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~~6 but I have bearings which
will give an approximation
to the Longitude.~~

~~Ambaca. Residence
of the Commandant
Lat. $9^{\circ} 16' 35''$ S -
Long. $15^{\circ} 23' 15''$ E -~~

~~Pungo Andongo - the
residence of M^r Piris ;
on the South side of
the Rocks. $9^{\circ} 40' 35''$
S. Lat. the Fort is
probably exactly on $9^{\circ} 40'$
the Long. by three~~

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~~good observations each 7
giving nearly a similar
result in $15^{\circ} 33' 40''$ E.
Lat. of Coanza R. at
a point S.S.W. of the
fort of Pungo Andongo
 $9^{\circ} 47' 3''$ - It runs
closer to this ; than
that on the South East
viz : 3 or 4' distant~~

~~The above are given
at present as a pre[]
caution - I shall put
all I have into the map -~~

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and in another letter to
be marked N^o II. will
furnish information~~

respecting this Province
 itself -
 I am, Sir
 Yours Faithfully
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List for insertion in note from
 Pungo Andongo Dec 31
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South Latitude

	S. Lat	E. Long.	<u>Remarks.</u>
Golungo Alto	9° 8 30	- 14° 59 21"	Mean of 7 lunar obser- vations at the residence of the Commandant
Confluence of the Luinha and Luce R.	9. 15. 0	- 14°. 49. 0	In Cazengo District. The Longitude is approxi- mate.
Confluence of the Luinha and Lucalla	9. 26. 21.	-	
Confluence of the Lucalla and Coanza	9. 37. 50	-	Fort & town of Massemgano is on this confluence. No Lunars I could be obtained but an no lunars, but I have bearings for an approximate Longitude.
Ambaca	9. 16. 35	- 15. 23. 15	At the residence of the Commandant
Pungo An- dongo	9. 40. 35	- 9- 40- 0	The Residence of Mr. Piris on the S. side of the Rocks

-The Fort	9.	-	15.	The Long. from 3
	40.		33.	good observations
	0		40	
Coanza R.	9.	-		
at a	47.			
point	3			
S.S.W of				
the Fort of				
Pungo				
Andongo				
Cassange	9.	-	17.	From many observa-
	37.		43.	tions
	29		30	

~~The above are given at present as a
precaution~~

The Quango R.	9.	-		At the ford, 150
	51.			yards wide
	28			
The Chikapa R.	10.	-		Flowing W.N.W.,
	38.			60 yards wide
	0			
The Chihuné &	10.	-	20.	Both small
Confluence of	57.		29.	streams. Canoes
the	31		30.	on the latter
Chi huné and				
Longe				

over

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	S. Lat.	E.	Remarks
		Long.	
The Casai	11°.	-	Flowing N.E. &
(Kasye)	17 0		ENE, 120
or Loké (at			yards broad
the ford)			
Lake Dilolo,	between		W end is ½ mile
source	11. 30.		broad. E end
of the	0		is said to be 6 miles
Lotembwa	and		broad. the
	11. 32.		same longitude as
	0		Katema
Katema	11. 35.	-	22. Near the R Lotem-
town	37		47. bwa
			0

Lotembwa R.	11. 40.	-		Above 100 yards
crossed in	0			broad
Soana	11. 49.	-	22.	3 miles n n w of the
malopo	42		52.	ford
Villages			0	on the R. Lokaloeje

~~The above are given at present as
a precaution (by preliminary)~~