

## Letter to John Washington, 22 December 1857

*Livingstone, David, 1813-1873*

Published by Livingstone Online ([livingstoneonline.org](http://livingstoneonline.org))

[0001]

20 Bedford Square

22<sup>d</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1857

My Dear Captain Washington

It has occurred to me  
since parting that the  
horse power of M<sup>r</sup> Laird's  
vessel is too small.

It would be sorry thing  
for us to be unable  
to stem the current in  
the only steamer the

[0002]

natives ever saw. Rennies  
are with two engines  
each having 10 H.P.  
and they do on the  
Thames nicely. I mention  
this if it is not too  
late - and am

yours truly

David Livingstone