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13th Oct^r 1870 – Lions fat is asserted to be a certain [1
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preventative to the bite of the Tsetse – Lions are very numerous
in Urori and many are killed and the fat sold – the Garaganza
use it to protect their cattle and when smeared on the animals
the Tsetse comes not near them on account of the smell –

on coming inland the safe way is to go to [1] Mdonye

[2 Makinde 3 Zungomero 4 Masapi 5 Irundu]

then turn [^] North to the Nyamnyams and thence to the Nyembe

[6 Nyamgore & then South to Merere's]

and so on South to Merere's – A woman chief lies in

the straight way to Merere but no cattle live in her land –

another insect lights on the animals & when licked off bites the tongue
or breeds & is fatal as well – as tsetse – It is large in size –

Tipotipo & Syde bin Ali come to Nyembe – thence
to Nsamas cross Lualaba at Mpwetos – follow left bank
of that river till they cross the next Lualaba & so into
Lunda of Matiamvo – much ivory may be obtained
by this course & it shews enterprise --

Syde bin Habib & Dugumbe will open up the
Lualaba this year and I am hoping to enter the West
Lualaba or Youngs river, and if possible go up to
Katanga – The Lord be my guide & helper – I feel the [3
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want of medicine strongly as much almost as of men

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Turn over = safe way to avoid the

[2

] Tsetse in going to Merere's [^] [North to] ¹ Mdonye

2 Makinde 3 Zungomero 4 Masapè

5 Irundu 6 Nyamgore = then South
to Merere's

Msene 6 days from Unyembe North
market & many Arabs live there

all these ten Rivers go into Uerere

Mokunge three eyes or fountains all
very hot.

[Livingstone has here drawn a map, which he places at "about 1° South Lat.Latitude"
The map depicts a series of 10 rivers running west to east, all flowing "to UerereUerere Lake" in
the east (which lake does not itself appear on the map). The rivers are laid out in the following
order from north (top) to south (bottom) (distances in days between them are also provided):
Sombo RRiver, RRiver Kabilo, RRiver Molegere, Mokunge (hot fountain), Simnambe RRiver,
RRiver Ngoye, Mokunge RRiver, Mogonye RRiver, Kipembo RRiver, and Lua RRiver. Then
the following, separate set of rivers, running east to west and uniting into a single river, appear:
Kuruse RRiver, Lobondo RRiver, and RRiver Logumba. The path of Ramadan and Hassani
as a dotted line runs across these rivers north to south ending at what appears to be a village,
Kanyingere, in the south. Finally, near its center, the map also identifies the BaleggaLega
country and notes that "BaleggaLega countryLegaland all excessively mountainous."]

Travelled 199
hours but so
mountainous
say 200 miles

Rivers crossed
by Ramadan &
Hassani August
and Sept^r 1870
in Balegga -
They fall into U-
-irere -[?] Baker's
or what a
"large water" -