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My Dear M<u>r</u> Murray

Fearing that I could not make my meaning clear as to the mode of putting the poison on the arrows I got Waller to draw the enclosed for a wood cut. I have the promise of the paper by D<sup>r</sup> Kirk & Prof. Sharpey on the poison which is very virulent - gives an alkaloid like strychnine which seems to act by lowering the pulse - Kirk by an accident took a little & it lowered the pulse & cured him of a cold - the paper will do for the appendix. C Livingstones birds & insects are preparing in British Museum for the same

I am directed by M<sup>rs</sup> Webb to say something kind to you for her. So I say your promise to visit this Newstead is not forgotten for I have several times been asked if I thought you would come. We are to have a large party this week - My brother is safe

as far as Sierra Leone

David Livingstone