

## Fragment of 1871 Field Diary, 11 August 1871-9 September 1871

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[0001]

words Batulu = Husbands Sima 36  
Pia = Milango

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to be ordered from Zanzibar  
a few soft black lead pencils  
2 Frasilahs cowries  
500 Sungomazi neck beads (not cracked)  
in box with saw dust packing  
Sardines = Sugar - 50 lbs = 25 lbs coffee no Tea  
2 Flour in Tins or waterproof bags = old Tarpaulins  
Guns flints = Rifles -  
[Residue of a red wax seal.]  
3000 cartridges - caps 63  
Nautical At / 72  
(old musical box -) present  
Ghamess Wodrin Lagh to  
point out men (good)  
not to go to Unyinyembe

[0002]

11<sup>th</sup> Mamohela = rest half a day -  
ill still but we cannot delay - I do very  
devoutly thank the Lord for sparing my  
my life three times in 24 hours - ~~No~~ Lord  
is good a stronghold in the day of trouble and  
he knows them that trust in him -  
12 Remain at Mamohela vil - the camp is  
all burned off - First rain fell in evening  
of the 11<sup>th</sup> Thunder - Laid dust -  
13<sup>th</sup> on to Lolindi suffering much - a man  
brought a Kite nearly full fledged out of  
its nest on a tree - This is the first breeding  
case I am sure off -  
14<sup>th</sup> over many brisk burns to vil on  
side of mountain range = a little rain fell  
after dark - near Luamo it ran in paths

& some burns and caused dew -  
15<sup>th</sup> to Muanambongo's - Golungo  
bush buck with stripes across body & spots  
along all the side in a ^ two row s  
16<sup>th</sup> To Luamo very ill with bowels -  
17<sup>th</sup> cross it and send a message to Katomba  
at Moenengoi's = sent present of food back

[0003]

18<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1871 on to Katomba & welcome 37 by  
all the heavily laden ivory Arabs = 3 relays take on  
the spoil = Kenyengere attacked and 150 captives  
taken = about 100 slain - an old feud of Moenemgoi's  
M. Bogharib still at Bambarre with all my letters  
for now unsent! No news whatever from Ujiji  
19<sup>th</sup> S. - rest - 20<sup>th</sup> D<sup>o</sup> from weakness - 21<sup>st</sup> Palms 22 Bam barre

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28<sup>th</sup> better & thankful = to Monandenda's on the  
R Lombonda = Katomba's safari has a thousand  
[Map.]  
Frasilahs & Muhamads 300

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29 ill all night & remain  
30 attendant ill remain at  
Monandenda's 6 AM  
31<sup>st</sup> 1 Sept Sat. up  
half over mountains  
and sleep in dense forest  
2<sup>d</sup> over range & down  
onto marble capped  
[Series of calculations.]  
hill = 26 7 = Nyangwe women expert in  
diving for oysters = = news of killd uncloth them ^ -selves  
3<sup>d</sup> Rest Equinoctial gales to Lohombo  
4<sup>th</sup> vil in front of Lohombo - 5 Kasangangazi  
6<sup>th</sup> Rest 7<sup>th</sup> Mamva 8<sup>th</sup> Rest 9<sup>th</sup> Do Do

[0004]

Kasongo's near Lualaba - In writing about the  
slave trade I have been obliged to use most distressing  
caution in order not to give those who have never  
seen it the appearance of plausibility in drawing out  
from their club sofas "exaggeration" - ["overdrawing"]

like M<sup>rs</sup> Stowe's Uncle Tom's Cabin - The like would  
be philosophers doubt if there be a Hell - but I have  
been in it twice once on the Shire where we  
had to clear the paddle wheels & chain cable of the  
dead every morning before we could start  
and the horrible scenes of crocodiles & carrion are  
unbearable to be even glanced at by the imagination  
again - on the Kilwa slave route to Nyassa -  
Then the Hell scenes I dare ^ not commit to paper  
or even think on - I drive them from my  
thoughts if even they intrude as intrude in  
part they will do on suddenly awaking at  
dead of night - getting up & walking about  
sometimes relieves me but writing about  
them in constrained oppressed style as hinted  
above jaded my mind so that I could  
rather think of nothing else or  
I could not think on  
necessary things and neglected all my own  
and family interests - Lord Palmerston's offer of  
service to me fell flat on my ear & heart

12/2/70  
John Kirk

[0005]

[Series of calculations.] 3[...][8]

[Five lines of text: three in Arabic and two in Nagari. These are not in Livingstone's hand. The Arabic corresponds to the English undertext on this page ("Dr David Livingstone HRM Consul Ujiji & Elsewhere"), and the first two lines can be translated thus: "This is to the most honorable Doctor Livingstone, consul of the Glorious [or Great] Queen, in Ujiji." The last Arabic line reads simply, "Amen." However, this is not an absolute translation. "This is to" can also be read as "the one who writes this informs," while "most honorable" can also be read as "may his glory be eternal."]

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R Kanayumbe  
& islands

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Bagenya peoples  
other side R[...][iver] [...][Lualaba]

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Kusi North  
Mhuru = South  
Liñkanda West or other side  
Mazimba East

[0006]

[Series of calculations.]

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[Series of calculations. A note at the top of the page states that these calculations were made in the "camp at 4° 10' Lat Lualaba called Nyangwe."] 39

Shamikwa R 9 days  
Nyengere black water  
Babire upright hair

[0008]

[Series of calculations. A note at the top of the page states that these calculations describe the "Total Rainfall in Manyema 1870-71."] 5

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