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[LXX]

LXX. Lions fat is regarded as a sure preventative of [24]  
Tsetse or Bungo - This was noted before but I add now  
that it is smeared on the ox tail - preserves hundreds of the  
Banyamwesi cattle in safety while going to the Coast -  
It is also used to keep [...] pigs and Hippopotami  
away from gardens - - The smell is probably  
the efficacious part in Heresi

12 Dec<sup>r</sup> It may all be for the best that I am so  
hindered and compelled to inactivity - advance  
to Lohombo was the furthest point of traders  
for many a day - slaves returning with ivory  
were speared mercilessly by Manyema because  
they did not know guns could kill & their  
spears could - Katomba coming to Moenekuss  
was a great feat three or four years ago  
Then Dugumbe went on to Lualaba and fought his  
way - So I may be restrained now in mercy  
till men come - those I had were not men nor  
yet slaves - Hybrids between bond & free so petted  
& coddled as to think the English feared them

[LXXI]

LXXI The Neggeri an African animal attacks the  
testicles of man and beast - cuts them off and retires  
contented - Buffaloes are often castrated by him -  
Men who know it squat down & kill him with knife  
or gun - ~~Lions fear him~~ [the] Zibu or Ratel  
Zibu or Mbuidé flies at the tendo achilles =  
Ratel? - Fisi ea Baharai probably the seal  
is abundant in the seas but the Ratel or badger  
probably furnished the skins for the Tabernacle  
~~Bees die or~~ escape from his droppings  
~~or~~ urine and he eats the honey in safety -  
Lions & all other animals fear his attacks of the heel  
[about 25 to a measure]  
the Babemba mix a handful of castor oil seeds with  
the dura [˘] [and] they pœu[gri]nd [Meleza] = usages makes them like it  
[is not perceptible in porridge]  
The nauseous taste and the oil is needed where so

much farinaceous or starchy matter exists and  
[the bowels are regulated by the mixture]  
experience [^] has taught them the need of a fatty ingredient

Moamba - Chassa - brother of D<sup>o</sup> Chambeze = other brother of  
Chassa - D<sup>o</sup> in way - Moenewifa large country - Komanga  
and 6 days to Barari thence

[LXXII]

LXXII. Goambari is a prisoner at Merere's guarded [25]  
by a thousand or more men to prevent him intriguing with  
Monyungo who is known as bloodthirsty - In the third  
generation charura's descendants numbered sixty  
able bodied spearmen - Garahenga [^] [or Kimamure] killed many of  
them - charura had six white attendants with  
him but all died before he did and on becoming  
chief he got all his predecessors wives - Merere  
is the son of a woman of the royal stock and of a  
common man - Hence he is a shade or two  
darker than Charura's descendants who are very  
light coloured and have straight noses - They  
shave the head and straight hair is all cut off -  
they drink much milk warm from the teats of the  
cows and think that it is strengthening by its heat.  
The descent is 1 Charura - 2 Mokasi - 3 Moenye-  
gumbe = 4 Mamerere = Merere = Mogandira son of 3  
died after one years rule - Kimamure a coward followed  
2nd son of 3 made Merere general = Goambari called  
Monyungo to first Merere - Kimamure or otherwise Garahen-  
ga killed many by Merere's hand - calls himself his slave  
but rules him and all besides

[LXXIII]

LXXIII Dec<sup>r</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1870 - Bambarre people suffer hunger now  
because they will not plant cassava - This trading party eats all  
the maize and sends to a distance for more - Manyema buy from  
them with malofu or Palm toddy - Rice all coming into ear  
but Manyema planted more Maize ripening - mice a pest  
a strong man among Manyema does as he pleases &  
no chief interferences - a man's wife of ten goats was  
given off to a Mene man and his child now grown  
is given away too - comes to Muhamad for redress  
Two Elephants killed were very large but have  
small tusks - They come from South in the rains  
All animals as elephants buffaloes - zebras  
are very large in Basango country - tusks full  
in the hollows weigh very heavy - animals fat  
& good in flesh Eleven goats for the flesh

24<sup>th</sup> Between 25 and 30 slaves have died in the present  
epidemic - also many Manyema - Two yesterday at

Kandawara - The feet swell then the hands and face and in a day or two they drop dead - It came from the East and is very fatal - few escape who take it.

[LXXIV]

LXXIV. a woman was accused of stealing maize - the ch[...] [26] here sent all his people yesterday - plundered all she had in [...] house and garden and brought her husband bound in thongs till he shall pay a goat - She is said to be inn[...] Monangoi does this by fear of the traders here an[...] as the people tell him as soon as they are gone th[...] vengeance he is earning by injustice on all sides will be taken - I told the chief that his head would be as also Kasessa's.

Three men went from Katomba to Kasongo's to buy viramba - a man was speared belonging to Kasongo - these three then fired into a mass of men who collected one killed two another three & so on So now that place is shut up from traders - and all this country will be so as soon as the Manyema learn that guns are limited in their power of killing and especially in the hands of slaves who cannot shoot but only make a noise - These Suaheli are the most cruel and bloodthirsty missionaries in existence and withal so impure in talk & acts - spreading syphilis Buboës & chancres- The Lord sees it.

[LXXV]

LXXV 28 Dec<sup>r</sup> 1870 Moenembag the most intelligent of the two sons of Moenekus in power told us that a man was killed & eaten a few miles from this yesterday - Hunger the reason assigned = on speaking of tainted meat he said that the Manyema put meat in water two days to make it putrid & smell high = The love of high meat is the only reason I know for their cannibalism but the practice is now hidden on account of the disgust that the traders expressed against open man eating when they first arrived - Lightning very near us last night - The Manyema say that when it is so loud fishes of large size fall with it - an opinion shared in with them by the Arabs = But the large fish is the clarias capensis of Smith and it is often seen migrating in single file along the wet grass for miles - It is probably this that the Manyema think falls from lightning.

30<sup>th</sup> Rain daily - a woman murdered without cause close by the camp - murderer said she is a witch & speare[...] her - body exposed till affair is settled probably by fine of g[...] the Manyema are the most bloody callous savages I know - one puts a scarlet feather on ground and challeng[...] those near to stick it in the hair - He who does so must kill a

man or woman - and so none dare wear skin of musk ca[...]  
Ngawa unless he has murdered - guns alone prevent them  
from killing us all - and for no reason either.