

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

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[0001]

[words] Batulu = [Husbands] Sima [36]
Pia = Milango
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]

11th 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[d]
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 11th Thunder - Laid dust -

13th 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 -

14th 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 -

15th to Muanambongo's - Golungo
bush buck with stripes across body & spots
along all the side in a [^] [two] row[s]

16th To Luamo very ill with bowels -

17th cross it and send a message to Katomba
at Moenengoi's = sent present of food back

[0003]

18th Aug. 1871 on to Katomba& welcome [37] by
all the heavily laden ivory Arabs = 3 relays take on
the spoil = Kenyengereattacked 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
19th S. - rest - 20th D^o from weakness - 21st Palms 22 Bam[barre]
28th better & thankful = to Monandenda's on the
R Lombonda = Katomba's safari has a thousand [Map.]
Frasilahs & Muhamads 300
29 ill all night & remain
30 attendant ill remain at
Monandenda's 6 AM
31st 1 Sept Sat. up
half over mountains
and sleep in dense forest
2^d over range & down
onto marble capped [Series of calculations.]
hill = 26[7] = Nyangwe women expert in
diving for oysters = = news of killd unclothe them[^][-selves]
3^d Rest Equinoctial gales to Lohombo
4th vil in front of Lohombo - 5 Kasangangazi
6th Rest 7th Mamva 8th Rest 9th 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^{rs} 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 jadedmy 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

The text that follows is written in John Kirk's hand and lies beneath Livingstone's writing in
the lower left-hand corner of the page.

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John Kirk

[0005]

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

[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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in the center of the page.

Dr David Livingstone

HRM Consul Ujiji & Elsewhere

R Kanayumbe

& islands

Bagenya peoples

other side R[...] [...]

Kusi North

Mhuru = South

Liñkanda West or other side

Mazimba East

[0006]

[Series of calculations.]

[0007]

[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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