DL's story is least interesting of stories in 1870 FD, story is his obs; nothing fantastic; keen & detailed observer

Ross calls it only "intellectual rambling" (218); look at what DL says, not what he does

thanks top extended sojourn has left a unique and historically important record

details Arab encroachment into CA (LXX)

invent medial style for puproses b/w fd & journal

circulating/layering of time & events; not usual progression

Immediate unvarnished record

diversity of info (cf. Bridges 1973, 7)

value in what it tells re: Africa (Bridges 1973, 165)

DL's growing interest in Africa (Bridges 1973, 6)

teeming with people and geog & medical info

step-by-step impact on local social dynamics

scope of info circulation

African guilability, learning to distrust, resistance