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My Dear M^r Murray

You remember a couple of volumes of my journal were stolen by a trader at Linyanti. When I said to the chief Sekeletu that trader says you did not give the book to him. "He lies" said his queen

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Seipone "I gave them to him myself " This trader then [after getting the volumes] went over to Mosilikatze's country where another trader named Chapman was trading - This Chapman has published a book and I should like to see it - because when I lately went back to Linyanti I got a mail bag from M^r Moffat

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through Mosilikatze's country in the mouth of which was one of the lost volumes, the lock taken off in a more scientific way than would be done by a

native. I would like to see his book to see if I can recognize my own writing & we have sent to one of the large libraries - not

[0004] Mudies & cant get it. I dont know its title or publisher

I cannot get [D^r] Kirk to agree to a proposition of the Hookers to write the Flora & Zoology for which the Government is willing to give £1200. I was about to apply for his Expedition salary for three or four years but he fears that his labours might not prove satisfactory to the Gov^t He offers to name any plants for me but I have been leaving all that department and all scientific description for him. He is a capital fellow I am &c David Livingstone