

Letter to W. Black, 15 November 1871

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My Dear Sir

On reaching this place in

1869 I found your very kind and welcome of Assam tea and as I had neither tea coffee nor sugar for years and six months you may be that I blessed you for your kind . I was greatly reduced an attack of pneumonia and I that the renewal of my strength in a great measure owing to copious of the delicious beverage - native is generally coarse though the shew a great deal of ingenuity making it as fine and as palatable possible but after all our systems European food if we are retain health and strength. I wrote note of thanks in May of /69 but my of letters was destroyed between and the sea. I therefore feel that you set me down as ungrateful I write this in order that you see that I am really greatly obliged that I am very unwilling that should have good reason to think had forgotten my benefactor

I have been a great deal longer my work of exploration than I expected - the sources of the Nile are not a little matter that one reach - scream out Hurrah! go away home: the watershed which the springs of the Nile do arise is full 700

[0002] hundred miles in length from West East and the springs in some parts I over are like the vegetation of frost window panes - almost innumerable converge into enormous Lake rivers central one of which is from one three miles broad and it can be waded at any point or any time of the year - ultimately two Western rivers fall into the one and then we have in and Tanganyika with the lake Albert Nyanza but two drains of the great Nile as was depicted by Ptolemy have been trying to follow the lake even down through country of the cannibals Manyema - it has four lakes proper in its course country is fertile beyond and the population - were never visited and the ivory lies in forests where the animals killed - this has brought of half caste traders Manyema and not content ivory sufficient to acquire be carried by three relays they must murder and make slaves. is not slave trading it is simply & murder and all that slaving privileges of the Sultan of should not suffer - salaams to M^{rs} Black yours &c David Livingstone

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