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31st March 1871 Went down to
take [[There is a pen squiggle to correct ink flow here. The ink appears to be a different hue
from that used for the surrounding text.]] a look at Lualaba here - It is narrower
than it is above but still a mighty river
about 3000 yards broad and deep - Has
many Islands of large size but at
these it is still over 2000 yards or
one mile Banks here are steep &
deep - The banks of the other
rivers are of gravel - It flows
fast towards the North - people
very numerous but tomorrow
we shall see the great gathering
at market - This is held for
~~two~~[one] days and then omitted for three
slaves bought here are good as
tailors of grass cloth but their
tongue is strange - they come
from far

Monday

1st April

1871

Rain early every morn
-ing I fear it will be
difficult to buy a canoe - The
Manyema have learned to distrust
all strangers and think to buy
means plunder and murder

2 Chitoka or market contained
over a thousand people carrying
earthen pots and cassava
grass cloth fishes fowls - they
were alarmed at my coming
among them and ready to flee
many stood afar off in suspicion
many came from the other side
of the river with their goods
tomorrow market is held up river
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16th May 1871 continued

Abed gave me a frasilah of Mantun[...] a b[...] ds
They alone pass current down riv[...] r[...]
have none - I gave him 7 dotis of[...]
American sheeting - i e 28 yar[...] ich
is handsome payment - an [...] sually
large attendance at market today - 3000
at least - they catch the live Lepido siren
by the neck and lift him out to see his
size - fish very abundant - Earthen balls
such as is eaten in Safura were exposed
for sale and camwood ground and made
into small flat cakes - There is quite a
roar of voices during all the time of haggling

17th The disturbance about beads
was all a pretence in order to vex
me - I gave beads to buy provisions
this morning as canoe will certainly
come presently - they let it out that
they wished to go home to Zanzibar
This has been uppermost in
their minds all the way to Bambarre
and from thence here - They asked a
writing of permission or a pass
which I refused - I shall wait
for Dugumbe = here as the mud is
excessive in front to the Luirar.

18th resolved to take the guns from
the mutineers as bought with my money
in this Abed and Hassani agreed
and said they were all at my service
did not make a noise about it but
my demand was followed by several
wishing to go forward - they are
senseless slaves with no honour