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My Dear Friend

We are at last to sail the "Pearl" a vessel bought by Ceylon government and by the Foreign Office to us into the Zambesi and far up the river as 9 ft will allow. We to sail on the 15th a few days later. She is screw vessel about 300 burthen and carries a steam launch in pieces on her deck. this draw about 18 inches and is to be our house we quit the "Pearl" She ten horse power only. the have done all

[0002] handsomely and would have better had a suitable vessel in their possession. We rather hurried at last and we hope to see you soon is not much use in a long story on paper am extremely obliged by the of my friends at the and if it should be desirable would give a general idea of my at a meeting at the money they so contribute might handed over for the benefit my wife and family. If had any voice in it I like it invested in safe Colonial undertaking am fully convinced of the nature of the colony

[0003] will be only too proud to have stake in it. It must however borne in mind that my book my speeches. It has taken wind out of them entirely. has you may have heard sold well exceeding all my sanguine expectation. the of Williams the missionary four years to mount up to

16,000. mine in three months

30,000. I dont expect your in the matter of the map will say I have given

Arrowsmith too much licence I had no time to watch . the writing of the book been all engrossing & is only now I can peep it. I shall bring all my to you and if by fresh which I hope make they will be published a future time.

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M^{rs} L. and one child goes with us have a practical mining geologist an economic botanist to tell more of the mineral & vegetable of the new country than could do when alone. A naval Commander Bedingfeld artist and an assistant can do a little in magnetism Photography (my brother) I am to say I have not been to run down and see your as I understand she is Admiral Smythe - I am with a roving commission

& can go anywhere. It gives status. the expedition is the of Parliament giving £5000 shall of course find my way to you as soon as I can ashore. Dayman says you a telescope which I hope get an order for which be useful in occultations

Kindest regards to all

David Livingstone