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My Dear Kirk am very sorry hear your determination to engage in proposed work I am quite sure you would information the world of great - and besides your better known would be in a

[0002] way of getting better - will excuse me I urge you to re-the subject am purposely avoiding like scientific having in the introduction it is hoped that will give the botany natural history the Expedition (in way that Darwin of the Beagles voyage) mention sometimes certain beasts were or killed and

[0003] when possible \underline{we} - referring to & myself as D_-^r L D_-^r K. and I give you the sheets that you see if I en-too much your province - give you any I could the habits of some the animals - I daresay you more on subject than do. Your Botanical is not and thought Welwatsch's frightfully so - all works on natural would be at your , and by due could work up most the [popular] information they & the authors thankful. You may what can be done not in an open board line as yours be, by Routlege's history I think calls it. You had think over the again and if change your mind let me know

You might consult D^rSmithwith

[0004] and to him and Lady Smith

[0005] will kindly remember me