

## Letter to Unknown

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~~River Shire 7th Deer~~

~~1861~~

~~Private~~

~~My Dear Friend~~

~~I believe I wrote to you on the arrival of the Pioneer about the beginning of this year thanking you for your very kind remembrance of me in sending all the Society's publications - Some of the French journals and a kind note besides. I had begun to despair, and thought you had forgotten me but the appearance of these things made me both ashamed & thankful. That old heathen Arrowsmith never once wrote to me - though I twice wrote to him. May he live till long after I come home that I may punish him for his negligence.~~

We have been up to Lake Nyassa  
and carried a boat passed the cataracts

[0002]

to explore by. Went along the Western  
shore but a paper I have written for  
the Society and send through Lord John  
Russell will give you all particulars .  
It is very deep - from 20 to 50 or 60  
miles broad and over 200 miles long  
(225) - It was excessively stormy and  
you must not despise us for failing  
to find out all about the Rovuma.  
We were on the West side and could not  
cross in a little open boat at the period  
of the Equinoctial gales - then we could  
get no food in a depopulated part of  
the country near the North end. Pirates  
live on detached rocks - and human  
skeletons & putrid bodies (~~exactly like the old dissecting room odour~~) were  
lying everywhere. It was like a fair dead  
lock for us and we came back  
~~intending to bend all our energies to wards placing a steamer on the Lake - this will take a  
year at least.~~

[0003]

Another Lake called Moelo was reported  
by two Arabs we met on the Lake

they came from a place called  
Katanga which seems to be S.S.W of  
Cazembe - they had come down to  
buy cloth at Nyassa. When we have the steamer up we shall be able to examine the country  
adjacent with Ease.

I shall enclose a sketch of the Lake that if you think proper Mr George may make  
an enlarged one for exhibition supposing you again favour my paper with a reading. The  
Latitudes are all correct and the longitudes pretty nearly so if we take as a basis Mr Maclear's  
determination of my former observations at the Lake - the first observation is 2 up the Lake  
and about 1 west of our former observations at Mosanha's vil.

What do you think of your Yankee friends now? I am very sorry to hear of the break up.  
They were such a glorious standing protest against old world tyranny, but by their horrid  
slave system sent all to the dogs - One hopes, though we can't see how it may yet all be settled  
amicably.

I should have been glad to be with you when Du Chaillu has his night, but I must get a  
pathway out of this region away from the Portuguese before I can leave. In the meantime I  
wish you all prosperity public & private.

Yours Affly David Livingstone