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My Dear D^r Hooker

I beg leave

to enclose another

of my lame

specimens. It

floats on the

water of the

Zambesi and

is very pretty

[0002]

It has no root in

the soil but

seems quite

content with

the water. this

has preserved

its appearance

but is much

shrivelled. A

water plant

called by the

Portuguese Alfacinya

[0003]

"lettuce" from its

resemblance to

that plant also

floats on the water

and great quantities

come down a

river called Shire into the

Zambesi. It is

said quite to

obstruct the

navigation. It is

on that account

[0004]

I mention it in the

book. I saw it

at Oxford but the
name has escaped
me. It is like a
little cabbage-
Another plant appeared
at the same time
which I don't trouble
you with but
only mention
it as to me a
curiosity. It
is called Njefu

[0005]
and has a leaf
of this size & shape
at there is

a nut which

Sebituane the
chief liked so
much he
made it a
part of the tribute

[0006]
from the tribes
he subjected.
I liked those I
eat and they
were floating
in company
with the Alfacinya
If you can
give me the
proper name
of the last

[0007]
I shall feel obliged
but do not
I pray you
spend much
time on the subject. Many
and hearty thanks
for your notes
all of which
came duly to

hand. As also

[0008]
the notes from
M^r Westwood
for which I am
very thankful

Please present
my kindest
salutations to
M^{rs} H& believe
me Most truly

Yours

David Livingstone