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was ill all yesterday by taking 2  
cups of very sweet malofu or beer made  
from bananas - shall touch it no more

7<sup>th</sup> April 1871 made this ink with the seeds  
of a plant called by the Arabs Zingifure  
It is known in India and here is used  
by the Manyema to dye virambas and  
ornament their faces and heads  
I sent my people over to the other side  
to cut wood to build a house for me  
The borrowed one I live in hæ[s] mud  
walls & floors which are damp foul  
smelling and unwholesome - I shall  
have grass walls and grass & reeds  
on the floor - of my own house - the  
free ventilation will keep it sweet  
This is the season called Masika - The  
finishing rains - We have rain  
in large quantity almost every night  
and I could scarcely travel even if I  
had a canoe - but still it is trying to  
be kept back by suspicion and by  
the wickedness of the wicked - The  
Arabs are very kind to me [...] nding cooked  
food every day - I taught Abed to  
make a Mosquito curtain of thin  
print - He endured the persecution of  
these insects sleeping on a high stage  
when they were very numerous -

The Manyema are not trustworthy &  
they bring evil on themselves often  
Paid one yesterday to bring a large  
canoe - He brought one capable only of  
carrying three and after men waited  
some hours we have to put of crossing  
till tomorrow -  
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13<sup>th</sup> May 1871 continued  
I wrote to Moenemokaia to be sure & take all my

goods out of Shereefs hands & deliver them to Moenye  
-ghere & Syd bin Majid - and should Shereef prove  
troublesome to beat him - and send him  
off for not obeying consul's orders - [ ] safe too  
and to send me by some one a sh[ ] t a  
pair of trousers and one frasilah of  
samsam beads = If I find them on coming  
from the fountains back to Lualaba  
they will be a boon - If lost no great harm  
is done - an armring of copper 1½ thick  
for one string of beads - ! Dura Pennis-  
etum & maize grown largely - among  
the Bakuss - who make wale but not  
porridge of them - they wash regularly  
Houses of two stories - little clothing  
used - women slaves here have rather  
rounded compressed heads but very  
pleasant faces - & ancient Egyptian  
round eyes = When they saw guns  
they thought that they were the insignia  
of the strangers chiefs - a long staff &  
a knob on the lower end blackened  
with some medicine being the usual  
official staff of chiefs = they feared  
the Banyamwezi bows when drawn towards  
them but guns taking aim were not  
dreaded - their effects aroused mute  
astonishment and looking up to the clouds  
They use a very long handled spear darting  
out from the long grass but keeping it  
in hand - Their numbers are prodigious  
The country literally swarms with people  
save a few patches of forest and great  
pools of standing water waist chest and  
neck deep which slowly drains off to the  
Lomame - Many markets along their  
route to which people come from far -  
Marketting is as great an Institution  
perhaps greater than shopping among  
ourselves -