

**The Manyema Diary, 1871, pp.125/110,  
DLC297c\_125-110\_005r**

*David Livingstone*

Published by Livingstone Online (livingstoneonline.org)  
CXXV. Journal

4<sup>th</sup> May 1871 -

Kasongo's people were struck of a great Friend  
-ship with me came to the market of today &  
brought 60 pieces of lambas = They go  
away and promise to bring me knives  
and a sword for cloth - the metal is very  
precious at the Babire - about 2000  
people come to market - cassava dried  
is exchanged for fish salt and oil = Iron  
for lamba's Brava went of yesterday  
with my letters to to Kirk & Agnes

5<sup>th</sup> Heavy rains - Abed informed  
me that men had come for goats to  
enable them to secure people to drag a  
large canoe from the forest where it  
has been cut & hollowed out to the  
Lualaba - this so far is progress but  
he needs one or two for himself and  
will serve himself first though I  
shall have to pay an enormous price  
for it

6<sup>th</sup> Foggy morning - Men  
returned from Chipange when  
beads were done - Two killed  
slaves without honour or honesty

7<sup>th</sup> Raining with rolling thunder  
of Masika - a great body of  
fleecy cloud drifts fast from the  
North - The same often comes  
from the S=E. Abed said that  
he would give me the first canoe  
he got and would tell me the price -

8<sup>th</sup> I promised to lend Abed  
half my people if he would come away  
as soon as we get the two canoes -  
This would enable him to trade well  
even before his own people returned  
from the West - was glad of the offer

He has eightyfrasilahs of the  
Matunda beads &cstrings  
CX.

13 April 1871 came into my new  
house yesterday the first of the 4<sup>th</sup> Arab  
a great comfort for the other was foul  
full of vermin & bad smelling - Bugs  
and Kapassi Arab accompaniments  
made me miserable - Manyema huts  
are all clean in comparison - Killed  
a goat and gave the same beads that  
were refused - These slaves require to  
know that they are not the masters -  
Abed says if slaves think that you fear  
them they climb over you = This is  
true - I clothed mine for nothing they  
thought that my kindness was fear and  
tried to ride rough shod over me -

Mologhwe Kahemba came over  
and says that he will bring a canoe for  
sale - Loeki due west of this is three  
days off - Its confluence is four  
days down Lualaba and all declare  
it to be bosoa very large indeed -

14<sup>th</sup> Market today - Kahemba gave to  
Abed two slaves as a present = I  
have been writing part of a Despatch  
in case of meeting people from the French  
settlement on the Gaboon at Loeki  
but the canoe affair is slow & tedious  
The people think only of war - getting  
up a war against some one else as  
price of it! They are a bloody minded  
race - our protests for peace are  
considered false = and that war in  
some way is meant by buying a canoe  
or getting one at all