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My Dear M^r Murray

I send a parcel this (monday) morning booked at Newstead Station for 50 Albermarle St. containing pages 87-259 inclusive of Manuscript. It is much interlined but I think very legible - pages are introduced but all [0002]carefully marked "Insert slip page so & so" & ten pages at one place 185-195 Mrs Goodlake wrote on both sides

The whole is 668 pages I question if I shall need the manuscript back as I thought if you wish to keep it. I shall require to add about as much to the first part of the proofs in proportion as I have done to this.

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I enclose a much better lip ring woman than that left with you - also other lip ring women shewing the markings on the body - the small ones were done by Meller and photographed at Oxford. I have them from Meller and if you think right would like them as woodcuts Need's figures he himself complains of as ugly - your [0004]artist need not make them hideous - I send a number of photographs of the very women of we liberated in the slave gang to help him the fellow in the hat & jacket was a rather good looking dapper little fellow & once our own servant The thin legs of the children are very like the originals. I may have three or four small wood cuts in reference to the Arch bishops idea [xI have got the book] and if you dont use Wallers something for No 6 it might be one [0005]to shew the progress in iron manufacture No 7 I shall get a lady who excels in that sort of work to do

My brother expected his wife from Boston on friday She has been at the American booksellers but has settled nothing - the Harpers evidently think they will get it like the last for a trifle - she is an [0006]American so it is Diamond cut Diamond I think - she says that if the Americans have

to pay well for it that will be in your favour in the Colonies which I suppose is true. I told my brother that you would not decide till he could go to London and then you will see my Yankee sister which is more than I ever did

David Livingstone [0007]

P.S. on second thoughts I send N^{o} 7 by Baines, the artist can reduce it

If the Zulu war dance had the photograph of date palm & other trees at Senna[for a back ground] - it would be historically correct & I think be very pretty - I send all the photographs made by my brother as the Artist may get hints from them

I send Mazaro by Baines - if you think it otherwise a good illustration it is of [0008]geographical interest as the canoe lying on its side shews the bed of the creek high above the water of the Zambesi - the Portuguese minister draws nearly the whole Zambesi there running away to Quillimane the distance shews a scene just after the battle which I describe in the text

I have applied for the bird's eye view of the Falls

which I sent home - the enlargement was exhibited when my paper was read I fear I am troubling you very much but I conclude with the profound remark that this is a world of troubles

DL.