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My Dear Kirk

What do you call
the tree from which
the bark cloth is made?
And the cholompi -
would it be
sufficient to say
a Pterocarpus -
the vallisneria?
for the lake plant
of which they
make salt. - & is
the sarsaparilla of
the hills known

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It was the Mosibe
that was previously
known in the West
Indies & no where else
was it not - the seed
with a red pellicle
which was fallen up
The Nboma or
Boma is also
oil yielding I
think - what do
you call the Fustic
I did not put any
thing of that kind
down because I
expected that the
Government

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would have employed
you to describe them
all.

Mr Webbs knee is
a little better but still
locked, he goes about

today for first time
I think the thing must
be in a dent in
the cartilage - The
fish are dying just
coming out. It is
far too cold for
them to hatch out.

I am &c

David Livingstone

In one note you say Aula-
clodus Swinderianus In
another Aulacodus Swinderinanus

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28th I am glad that
your reply is to be
printed - and think you
were quite right to object
to the Speke scheme.
I was written to about
3 months ago to attend the
meeting and it would
they said be put off till
it was convenient. I
let them know that it
never would be con-
venient - The slave trade
must be suppressed as
the first great step to
any mission - that
baffles every good
effort. I see Lord
Stanley is in the hands
of the oil traders -
again. The native Christians
in Sierra Leone contribute
£10,000 annually to the church mission