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D^r Norton Shaw

My Dear Sir

I herewith for your a letter from

Lieutenant Hoskins .N. whose acquaintance made in Loando, and whom

[0002] have reason to with as he me a copy of

"Humbolt's Cosmos" afforded me reading way across continent. He then in com of the Pluto war steamer

[0003] on the West, and had in command a vessel on the Coast also, hence mistake of rank which he alludes.

I understood from Portuguese authorities Eastern Africa the late Captain examined the branch of Zambesi up to

[0004] point where I that river viz.

Mazaro or "mouth of Mutu" otherwise the river of

Quilimane, and highly pleased its capabilities the Portuguese speak of him to day, and their of his

[0005] induced me nurse a severe I had caught Mazaro instead going round examining mouths of the

Zambesi myself. had the impression

[too] that my examination a point requiring knowledge

[0006] experience would like that of a & lookingglass.

As the Lords of Admiralty are willing to do in their to forward interests of science commerce, it not be to beg of them favour of

[0007] details sent home Captain Parker his command the East coast the mouths the Zambesi, not we undervalue testimony of

Lieut^t Hoskins but order to furnish society and public with the information

[0008] the [a] very important

Believe me Dear Sir

Faithfully yours

David Livingstone