

Letter to John Murray III, 21 October 1864

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My Dear M^r Murray

You remember
a couple of volumes
of my journal
were stolen by a
trader at Linyanti.
When I said to the
chief Sekeletu that
trader says you
did not give the
book to him. "He
lies" said his queen
[0002]

Seipone "I gave them
to him myself " This
trader then [after getting the volumes] went over
to Mosilikatze's
country where another
trader named
Chapman was
trading - This Chapman has published a
book and I should
like to see it - because
when I lately went
back to Linyanti
I got a mail bag
from M^r Moffat
[0003]

through Mosilikatze's
country in the
mouth of which
was one of the
lost volumes, the
lock taken off in
a more scientific
way than would
be done by a
native. I would
like to see his book
to see if I can

recognize my own
writing & we have
sent to one of the
large libraries - not
[0004]
Mudies & cant get it.
I dont know its
title or publisher

I cannot get [D^r] Kirk
to agree to a proposition
of the Hookers to write the
Flora & Zoology for
which the Govern-
ment is willing to
give £1200. I was
about to apply for
his Expedition salary
for three or four years
but he fears that his
labours might not
prove satisfactory to the
Gov^t He offers to name
any plants for me but
I have been leaving all that
department and all scientific description
for him. He is a capital fellow I am &c
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