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My Dear Tom

I answer to a
request from Robert I have
sent some small specimens
of natural history some of
which are for you, and
which as manifesting the
wisdom and power of
God you will do well to
study. They go home by
M^r Rae who will tell
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you all he can about us -
so you may ask him
any question you please.
I enclose the horns of an
African oryx shot by D^r Kirk
and some other things to
shew that you are not
forgotten.

We are going up to the
Makololo country soon and
regret having been delayed
so long in the lower part
of the river. but the delay
has led to our discovering
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a magnificent country by
going up the Shire until we
reached the Lake from
which it flows. We think
that our Heavenly Father
has work for us there in
suppressing the trade in
slaves. We were much deceived
in our ship by a person

who making great pretensions
to piety tried to turn the
whole Expedition to his
own wordly advantage
Whatever you do in life be
[0004]
honest and sincere in serving
both God & man. The untruths
this man had to tell to cover
his deceit & selfishness were fright-
ful. The Lord bless & keep
you from all evil and grant
that no sin may have
dominion over you.

A mail bag which was lost
here by the boat being capsized
was found and carried to Kilimane
and thence to Tette. Hope a letter
from you is in it but ten to one
if it is readable now after being
like Jonah in the sea but not in the
whale's belly
[...]