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My Dear M^r Murray

I return the sheets corrected by your literary friend and would like you to ask him to compare his corrections with the 4^{th} Revise! which I have polished & repolished and better polished until I thought it was perfect more perfect & most perfect. I see that several of your [0002]friends corrections are improvements I added a few words about the Ma Robert which make it plain - and a note to shew what he had better do with the 4^{th} Revise.

Oswell does not pretend to be literary but has good taste and a great knowledge of African affairs. His help need not interfere with that of your friend. Professor [0003]

Owen looks over the natural history parts & is pleased

with it.

The artist has done very well with bellows - net arrowhead - and Shupanga house He might make one of the figures in the hoeing scene a little less apish Baines could not draw human figures without caricaturing them [0004]I send continuation of matter for your friend - 17a - 32a3^d Revise.

I have asked M^r Clowes to send me the matter following and contents if printed as early as possible - the want of which puzzles me greatly.

In $4^{\rm th}$ revise the place for woodcuts are all marked the fish basket is wrong if the artist had the block back I would ask Waller again to call Oswell will send 4^{th} revise to you - then in future if your friend sends what corrections he may make to me & Oswell D^o I will incorporate from Oswell any thing of value from O. into his and send one set alone to printer