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[0001]

The instruments are not so bad as I expected, this  
may be from having been carefully dried after  
wetting

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My Dear General Sabine

By some un-  
accountable mistake  
some of the magnetic  
instruments had been  
taken on board the  
Lady Nyassa and  
on clearing her out  
I found them. I  
have delivered them  
over to M<sup>r</sup> Chambers  
of the Observatory  
here who thinks that  
[0002]  
you may prefer  
them being used here  
to having them sent  
home. A small  
theodolite accompanies  
the other instrument  
My brothers observation  
book was in the  
box so as Mr  
Chambers had calculated  
the observations  
sent home he may  
look over those  
not yet sent and  
possibly they may  
be confirmatory  
[0003]  
or otherwise

My observation  
books and com-  
parison of chronometers  
book have all  
gone to the Cape  
and probably M<sup>r</sup>  
Mann the assistant  
Astronomer to  
Sir Thomas Maclear  
may be able to  
supply the exact  
Longitude & Latitude  
of the places where  
observations were  
[0004]

as also the mean  
time. M<sup>r</sup>  
Mann  
took great pains  
with the observations  
and having all the  
data may be able  
as I have no doubt  
he will be willing  
to give the required time  
that may be  
necessary

I am in daily  
expectation of getting  
away from this to  
Africa. With kind  
salutation to M<sup>rs</sup> Sabine  
I am &c David Livingstone