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still unknown in fact it is Cooleography & not to be made public - I propose to go up the lower Tanganyika or Uerere or lower Tanganyika Albert Nyanza and on to Ujiji & Zanzibar I do not know Bakers plan and in my ignorance fear that conquering the small headmen all along the Nile is doing on a large scale what slavetraders now do on small one - commit many murders to punish a few robbers and make the whole population Turkish slaves – I know of no large chief in all this region Every village is independent and no glory can arise from enslaving these in detail but I dont know the Egyptian ex peditions under the French were as bloody as if conducted by Manyema -

My packet of 40 letters is I fear destroyed The governor the alleged culprit complains that he conducted the expedition of Burton from Zanzibar to Ujiji & thence to Uvira and back to Zanzibar endured a great deal of wrangling and was left un--paid till the Indian Government or that of Bombay sent him a 1000 dollars He was soured at all Englishmen placed my goods under his man Musa bin Salim

who stopped the porters ten days while he plundered & went off to Karagwe to buy ivory for his master - He wished that no evidence should go to the coast my packet contained evidence & I conjectured it was destroyed - His agent at Ujiji sent back the packet after had paid for it because "he did not know the contents" I regret the loss of copies of all my astronomical observations and [...] Despatch supplementary to that from Bangw[...] but I have copies at Ujiji - The gross carelessness of the council in allowing Arrowsmith to take away my imperfect sketches made solely to oblige them by the earliest information while my work went to the Cape and then my good friend Arrowsmith glorifying himself by sending the errors easily detected to Germany & India made me resolve to take care of them myself and at the risk of losing them altogether - My kind love to your wife I am glad she has taken you & under her wing and my blessing on you both David Livingstone

The Governor's statement may be untrue for he is an ill conditioned Arab and lying is no sin to such A. then charged M^r Murray & me £300 with the reason for the overcharge had to alter all his work on recieving later information which later information was the only thing we employed him upon - He employed himself on Kirk's and my imperfect sketches He ought to refund or leave the council