

Letter to General Edward Sabine, 17 January 1861

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My Dear General Sabine were gratified recieving two notes containing the reductions the magnetical observations by D^r Chambers our return from a trip up the of some 600 miles. We left Tette I observed that the exact mean was required for those taken at Expedition Island, and as I believe have data whereby that may be, and the observations are not the only ones taken these stations it may be well you to keep what you have you till we can give you whole.

We are now down here waiting the arrival of our new vessel

[0002] wish the instruments which were quite by M^r Lairds wretched launch been reserved for the new one - you be disposed to blame us but can assure you that our utmost could not keep our own dry. the partitions pumped in perpetually. Our bedding was all and we lost a great deal of public & private property. It was in our last trip when we filled that the instruments were. the wet in this hot climate an almost instantaneous effect the glue and on the steel.

I am very glad to hear of the of the Oxford & Cambridge of which I observe you are the committee. I have been applied for information and I have not

[0003] to hint at the desirableness of in mind meteorological and observations for the time of leizure which will follow first hard work of the foundation. might be well for you to follow what I have suggested by a reference what was done in Algeria by missionaries under Bishop Dupuch is mentioned in "Blakesley's Algeria"

M^r Dupuch established 47 churches & chapels

40 almonries & hospitals orphan asylums a house of Trappists! which distinguishes by an extensive series of meteorological. In a climate so little as this, similar observations surely as necessary, and for a country such as ours observations are of no less. The well educated young

[0004] who will follow the bishop would doubt cheerfully undertake any work to advance the interests of either or civilisation. This is merely hint the value of which you are best to judge. from the high position occupy your personal influence be sufficient.

With very kind greetings to M^{rs} Sabine

I am Faithfully Yours

David Livingstone

The glass tube and riding spirit level safely. they belong to a much instrument than ours. you have seen our application any set of instruments that have been returned uninjured other Expeditions