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My Dear M ${\rm ^{\! r}}$ Conyingham

Could you favour me with the Blue books in which my Despatches are printed. I have an idea that I ought to have recieved them but did not. I wish them them as the information [0002]being already in print may save my pen running over the same words the third time for I both wrote & copied them in Africa.

I am here compiling a narrative of our doings during the last six years. It is a quiet beautiful spot where Byron lived and Mr Webb [0003]the present possessor of Newstead Abbey is an African friend of mine. I wish you to know where I am but not to be known generally for all the mad people of the country write to me evidently thinking that I am one of

themselves. If you can oblige me with the Blue books [0004]I know you will with your accustomed kindness comply. Please send them either to Murray's - Albemarle St or by Rail to Newstead which Newstead is a private station on the way to Mansfield and you will confer a favour on your $obliged\ servant$

David Livingstone

All the shells of the Lake were quite new & so were the fishes. I hope you have recovered your shells