

## Letter to Thomas S. Livingstone, 7 January 1862

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My Dear Tom

I send you through

M<sup>r</sup> Conynham a small canoe I picked up on Lake . some little boy had it of a light wood of a of *Arschinomena* , and it a good idea of the shape canoes made on the Lake - It ought to more hollowed out inside - a tin box contains some bits the rocks on the west of the , can you tell me what are? [I think I saw rocks of the family at Kendal] One piece was a weight a floating net which boys were to catch fish, you will the line with which it was tied

[0002] the house which an insect - a species cricket makes, and trails about while body is still soft. It is formed of sticks. then a number of shells Lake Nyassa, some are rare - may share them with your - Lastly a piece of a cake of an insect called Kungo bigger than midges or gnats. don't expect you to eat it but see food made of the smallest used as food by man - it to James Aspinal Turner . Manchester - you remember gave you some apples &c - a little box like this was through him. Tell him in letter that I sent the Kungo shew the use that these little are put to. He does not his insects as people here do.

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I have not recieved recieved any letter from for a very long time. I expect soon, and am sorry to that baby will not be her for I should like to see - but I am afraid that she not live in the malaria the rivers here. We came through Elephant marsh today and smells so strongly of decayed matter and has so mosquitoes it cannot healthy. If the land were it would be more . the soil is so rich could support millions of where now there are thousands or hundreds.

[...] [God has provided] ded ample room

[0004] all his creatures in our beautiful but a great many people crowded together in cities in and much misery is in close ill ventilated lanes and dwellings & those who dont know the it might seem that the , ill health & misery exist there are necessary . The Lord is good to all has provided every thing need for time & eternity if will only avail themselves his goodness & grace. the rich to help the poor to go to other and all ought to embrace Christ and with him every thing necessary will be added

I have written you another letter this [...]