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To D^rKirk from D. Livingstone 26th June 1871

On this page I intended to put an Arabic dismissal of the sin slaving
I use it now to say please do not be offended with palavers - I am really
reduced to beggary notwithstanding all the bountiful provisions you
with immense difficulty made for me and that too almost entirely by the
villany of the unmitigated drunken blackgaurd Shareef. His banality a British subject is in
part to blame for he must have known his habits
and his brandy when they imposed him on us. He is reported to have bought
ivory with my goods and this ivory ought to be stopped at the Custom house
as is done in the case of Arabs till he as funds - If Sayed bin Majid sends the
list of goods left by Shareef you will judge the extent of loss. If not
the case had better wait till I return. Remember that the list contaning
12 Frasilahs sam sam and the watch is that destroyed by Shareef - I have
that of Samsam 6 Frasilahs and think as he refused it to Digumbe it
hidden: I feel sore most of all about the watch though it is hard
to be living from hand to mouth in beggary which my Bamian slaves
sixteen months in dover and idleness calming my supoosed from five
to seven dollars per month - they are underpaid out of the Arabs but so they
one of us and of honesty. I go West of this to Lomane 30^o then buy a
canoe if Dugumbe will advance the give and go south to the watershed
and form fountains - Dugumbe is very friendly and a gentleman with
exploring enterprise which than any other. He is going to sow and be
here at Nyangne in three years sending every now and then to Ujjileters sent to him will be
safe His mople will bring some
goods for one from Ujiji and I shall share liberally with him
I ought have mentioned that a dyke of basalt or other igneous rock
cuts across the river 4 days off the canoe this and the immense body
of water is jammed rushing through the gutting ends which are not parallel
and form whirlpools in which canoes rell round & round
hopelessly [...] or would have near
foremost in this and a cataract below - and as Makololo to the hills
I thought next of going up river to Kamolondo the broad part of
Webb Lake river at another cataract intervenes so I go due
West on foot on the 2^d day of New & about 9th July. In this am able
of old and you will see how my mind is confused. I should be
turning up Lomame from Lualaba I should probably merit
some basaltic dyke in the ascent for such dykes run among us
across country - here I have the chance of cutting from the lake
I had to pay the carriers of Shereef brandy from David Livingstone
bust to lest his own trade in ivory was what he followed shamelessly