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CLVII. Note

Manyema Nyangwe =
12 July 1871 = our statesmen seem to have
come to the conclusion that Railways
and Telegraphs will be better managed
by the Government than by private
companies - The reasons for that
seem to apply to the Great Newspapers
as the "Times" which are certainly
not so well managed for the safety
of the nation by private anonymous
contributors as they would be
by the agents of Government
both agency and public official
being responsible to the country
nothing could be more dangerous
to the welfare of the country than
pigheaded effusions of a secret con-
clave[or club frequenters] indulging in merciless vi-
-tuperation against Louis Napoleon
who in spite of the extremest
abuse which could be raked up
against him in [^][specimens] ancient & modern
railing has proved himself to be
a wise and able ruler - a true friend
to France and a good ally to England
Then again the Times laboured to
misrepresent the Northerners in
th[...] great Black war - It was
t[...] our great misleading Journal
and the utmost efforts of our
statesmen were required to prevent
the b[...] ghtful calamity of a war
with the United States which was
imminent through the hole and
corner machinations of irrespons-
ible penny a liners = Every Northern
victory was noticed with the in-
sulting insinuation that it must
be remembered that the account
came through Northern channel[...]
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14th Hassani got nine
canoes - In 3 he put 63 persons - I shall
send down the river on the left bank tomorrow
to try and buy one - Safari off this morning
High winds have begun from South East and
shew cessation of the rains = Every thing
is drying as soap sugar mud &c

15th canoe sent to get medicine for
a sick wife - detains us today - I paid for
both medicine and canoe = and on

16th got the men off very doubtful
if they will succeed in buying one for
all of them imitate the overbearing
manner of Zanzibar slaves

Safari comes back from West with 2[1]00
slaves 200[or 300] cowries per slave or 11-10
bunches of beards per head that is about 50
single strings about a foot long each =
River fallen a foot = Dugumbenear but
detained by his divination

17th stragglers come in from Dugumbe
large camp - My people reached Tambu[...]
yesterday and will get a canoe if they only have
a little common sense - a note from
Palamotto says letters have come by Governor
for me and are at Ujiji = If I get a little
powder from Dugumbe & the canoe comes
I shall be ready to run down the river

18th The Arabs of Dugumbe's party saw
Shereef flourishing about my valuable
chronometer watch on his dirty body
This is like to break my heart - I have
no chronometer going - I suspect the
Longitude of Baker to be all wrong but
cannot correct it - Dugumbe has
passed a short way down Lualaba to
build his Mosemba or dwelling place

19th Heavy shower at 4 AM - last 19th
of June finished the rains - Dugumbe goes
West to Lomame and across it when
his station here is built = this will open
all Lake Lincoln for he has an immense
party = 500-600 guns as Ujijians count
and is fond of going into new fields