

Letter to Roderick I. Murchison, 8 July 1868

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3 Extracts from a letter of to the President.

Near Lake Bangweolo

8 July. 1868.

My dear Sir Roderick letter to Lord Clarendon explain what I have been doing and why I only give you a leaf out of my note book. sources of the Nile are undoubtedly between 10° and 12° South, ~~or some 400 miles south of the Victoria Nyanza~~, not one or two, but upwards of of them rise south of all the Lakes Bangweolo. The great valley is exactly the valleys of the Congo and Zambesi, and have been seeking the sources too far to the . I have yet to follow down the three lines drainage into which the twenty-three sources

[0002] , and do not speak very positively as to they flow past Tanganyika to the west into

Chowambe, which I suppose to be Baker's Lake, or Tanganyika and through by a river named Loanda into the same lake.....

We are in the same quarter of the world - I do not know if Kirk has come to Zanzibar. hope in a couple of months to be at Ujiji, where have goods and I hope letters. Want of paper my writing to my friends. A note for Agnes goes by this.

With love to Lady Murchison, I am ever yours
David Livingstone

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Postscript following is a summary on Sources 30 to 50 yards broad, and always deep to require either canoes or bridges.

Chambese, Luapula, Lualaba and the Lakes thirteen sources, each larger than the Isis at Oxford or Avon at Hamilton. Another of drainage receives five sources. A third other five, or twenty-three (23) in all. I do not count small burns from five to ten fifteen yards broad. Lofu has eleven of these, perennial, nor do I refer to the oozes sponges which are the sources of them all.

(signed) D L.