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My Dear Sir

I was absent untill
now 8 P M. & fear there is
no chance of this reaching
you tomorrow. I shall leave
or send to be left on Monday
morning Maclears work
so far as I have it, your
own work and my
observation book, at 3
Royal Exchange buildings
But I have not any Nautical

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Almanacs by me. The observation
book is quite a mass of
confusion. It contains in
fact a history of my gropings
in calculating my positions
in the most simple humdrum
manner. I fear most the
errors which must have
arisen in transcribing. The
slips of paper put in were
for the Astronomer Royal
and indicate those I have
most doubts on. Arrowsmith
promises to give his deductions
One at Kalomo & another
near the confluence of
Kafue & Zambesi seem

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erroneous, and he says that
from Tete downwards all are
too much to the Westward. His
mean of all my observations
(12) at Tete make it 33° 33'

How many pages will

it require? I have not spoken
to Murray yet but am very
much gratified & obliged
by your undertaking this
labour. If the bulk is
too much for the boards
of the book then the R.G.S.
will do that work but
I suppose the sooner they
are published the better
If you could give me an
idea of the bulk I should

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speak to Murray at once.
Pray let me know before Wednes
day as I go off to Dublin on that
day or on Thursday.

I am quite at a loss for
Nautical Almanacs for
I am not acquainted with
any of the Societies except
the R.G.S. and I believe
D^r Shaw is off on Monday
for Dublin But I shall
try.

I am Dear Sir
Most truly yours
David Livingstone
I shall send to
Pimlico
Captain Toynbee