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My Dear Sister Janet

I recieved your second since 1858 a short time ago by of the missionaries who came this river in a canoe without a word of the language a bit of the way. It is not that the High church mission be recieved with favour any other sect. their pretensions against the growth of cordiality it is a good school they have to. there is nobody either to or laugh at their puerilities the Africans will not be by anything but the love Christ. A Roman catholic far up the Nile paid people to come to prayers and their goods were expended tribe left en masse saying

"No beads, no prayers." this is

Consul Pethericks statement & may take it for what it is . As I am forbidden to any-thing in my own defence

[0002] submit as meekly as a sucking dove like the cabman "I think a great ."I even think that the church society i.e. the Evangelical of the Church of England, to whom wrote to occupy the field, might answered my letter as civilly the bishop of Oxford did another long afterwards [No answer came.] I am very to hear that the free Kirk a mission and I that the United Free are sending a mission charge of D^rKnapf to some on the East coast. You are in thinking I would be much in hearing of the death of my friends M^{rs} & M^r Helmore.they a noble pair, and I visited graves with feelings of deep sorrow grieve much because the are left without the . they spoke of Helmore with respect and affection - and was admirably adapted to win esteem - they were naturally with their men being long away but said not a word to , which shewed a kindly feeling least, and the chief seemed very for medicine for a disease

[0003] possibly is leprosy. I am sorry Helmore never wrote to me nor D^r Tidman and when we descended the Makololo valley you may con-the stunning effect of the news the missionaries were all dead.

Our cotton grows wild and when planted continues to yield for years, with only a weeding & then. the heartbreaking toil in America is not needed . We have no frosts to endanger the and can buy it for a good deal than a penny per pound. We bought

300 lbs of clean cotton as a trial, giving foot of calico not worth a halfpenny several pounds. this was not the period of the cotton crop either. we must have an outlet of our away from Portuguese custom and hence our efforts to open

Lake Nyassa - from Rovuma. is over 200 miles long - from

20 to 50 or more miles broad, and deep. We shall bend all energies to placing a steamer on this year and I pray God that may be permitted to effect this great for then we have highlands round Nyassa. It is surrounded mountains, and Europeans live well up there. I hope then our countrymen may both themselves and the Africans

[0004] living among them. the population the Lake is prodigiously large slaving goes on perpetually either barter or by slave hunting - 19,000 yearly through the Custom House Zanzibar and Col^l Rigby our consul says they all come from Nyassa plan has a double reference to in Africa & elsewhere. We to benefit both Africa & England I need not specify my hopes. will

however see enough to you understand the reasons of joy in seeing christians of denominations sending gospel without which all our will end in failure.

Suffer me to hint that your letter in a slight degree Miss Grantish. I information according to the phases of my experience. If was in danger I committed it as do now and always to the Divine . If reputation & usefulness the heathen were endangered by bretheren I spoke of it even as

St Paul did long before me. I was but not weeping as he was

£60 a year will be given if I have it how could I know you would work when you never wrote to me. I think my letters were written a Christian spirit but it is questionable they were thus received D. Livingstone

A happy New year to you all. Try and write a more letter next time without saying that you love me as as ever

[0005] were, utterly inexcusable in not writing - I left orders that in

[0006] case of distress you were to be at once recieved - running into by borrowing when you had no prospect of being able to pay was my distress

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& It was never intended that you were to be kept idle on the money intended mother. You might have told your distress to me as easily as

[0008] did to those who wrote begging letters for you to the Scottish Fund &c