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My Dear M^r Murray

I enclose a letter from Holland. I know nothing of the writer except what it contains

As you are acquainted with Sir G. Wilkinson would it be convenient [0002]to ask him for me about the crooked stick or leg - which is common through all the central country of Africa as an object of worship When the natives refer to their god they all speak of him [0003]with only one leg or a crooked one. Now I have the impression that Thoth was supposed to lame or something of that sort and looking into the Ancient Egyptians to be certain I

do not find the impression [0004] verified. I should like if convenient to ask Sir G. Wilkinson about it

I am &c

D. Livingstone