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My Dear Friends

The enclosed copy of my letter Lord Clarendon will explain itself shewing unless I adopted the expedient of lending my copy I could not give you the I desired. I have no more & borrowed till I was ashamed. This a leaf out of a notebook. I have mentioned names I hope not unwisely. It was to bear longer with Arrowsmith Galton & he wrote "Instructions" for me demanded all my private notes -

"copies if not the originals." - because they

"had voted the large sum of £500." I was to

"make a survey entering it in successive of my journal" "take Latitudes night" and "ascertain the hydrography the Interior". This big word to others the survey of coasts & inland waters a navigable communication with ocean. To the busy bodies of the council means rainfall. I was 40 days at

Cazembe's & only got the Latitude by awaking morning between two & three & found a in the North - I had the evening before sat the shivering dew till I got Achernar - I set right on the spot poor Lacerda died never saw a star. For months together never saw a star - rarely did we see the till past the first quarter. I thought I had mentioned the cloudiness of the & dense forest in my first volume the "Instructions" shew beastly ignorance put them in my pocket and followed the Sir Francis Beaufort's advice to the explorers "Gentlemen remember you are going for discovery and not survey" that is never measure you can explore. My private notes demanded in order that the busy who lounge about the Rooms

[0002] White Hall Gardens may pry into them Arrowsmith get bearings or distances or anything else to reduce Astronomical to the level of his own fancyography sent him the two volumes of observations the Zambesi. he could make nothing them, so if can help it neither observation sketch nor note shall go to the Geographical after publication. Fancy Baines is one the loungers a fellow who three several confessed to me that he had given the Government stores and he pay for them - only let him stop the Expedition without any salary! made the same confession to my brother

& M^r Rae & Major Sicard acknowledged to that he had been a recipient. I kept still till he got a hold of the store book forged entries of issue of twelve months for six persons three months to three persons. such a barefaced impudent forgery his three confessions to myself I could bear no longer with him took him before all the members & tried forgeries by the men themselves. Did consume one & three quarter pounds sugar per day - they laughed & the idea & Baines still held on to it that his issues correct. They were not in the book I examined it at Tette. O he had in a note book. the story that I was my brother took among geographers it did at the Cape. I must really to others to be a very soft easily no character fellow. It is a wonder I was fixed on to do this work on fixed on that I did anything. I sorry to offend Sir Roderick but bore with the desecration of my till it was intolerable. the Papers believing from Baines I was soft tried their utmost

[0003] vituperation and elicited nothing more me than if the worthy Editors had about Cape Town blowing Penny .

I have many observations copied out M^r Mann but all at a distance: I will them from Ujiji with a sketch map. give no sketch map to the Geographical it was from these confessedly positions that Arrowsmiths batteries were supplied. I think that has no idea of the correction to be applied Commodore Owens survey because thought that my single & the only inde-Longitude at Pearl Island added 5 of Commodore Owen's error.

Sir Bartle Frere told me that Arrowsmith to him that "I made the continent than it is". I think but have map to consult that Commodore made it 36° 7' and I 36° 12' note on the back of all the charts says 5' 9" to correct the error of the survey thus if I am not mistaken my calculated by you did.

In the letter sent to Lord Clarendon I that four rivers flow into Liemba - one these has eleven burns to form it, a fifth be added as one line of drainage

Chambeze receives 4 burns as large as the

Isis at Oxford or Avon at Hamilton then enters Bangweolo to receive 2 sized streams - then as Luapula goes into Moero and receives five of which one is 80 yards broad always requires canoes. Then as

Lualaba it receives two rivers and itself taken up by the Lufira a large which by five streams drains Western side of the valley - these three lines of drainage receive the sources the Nile. Now suppose I am

[0004] in one or two which I did not or in two streams running into one we still some twenty sources from 30 to

50 yards wide - I do not count a multitude burns from five to fifteen yards wide perennial. I also add a few words a large tribe of troglodites in Rua burrows in the rocks extend in place 30 miles with a stream of water along it. If you think proper may give a little of the information the Cape folks but I don't like them now sooner is my back turned than I am sabbath breaker - a tyrant everything is bad. couldn't they help poor Baines to the Victoria Falls without obliging him tell lies to excite their sympathy. If is published M^r Moffat will see . I cannot write to him.

I wrote you from near Lake - the fever without medicine serious symptoms. I am to say that since then I have pretty good health on this highland looking a little while at this Lake go North for Ujiji - the islands here very large. I shall not attempt to any river in canoes. We this on the Zambesi. It was insanity times our lives were in imminent . I shall not be guilty of this again especially as here have none of those good fellows the Makololo. I have only one chronometer - one stopped at Mandapala - 3 their rates entirely by an earthquake one stopped altogether after it. I perceive no other cause. Love all at the observatory from Yours

Affectionately David Livingstone