

Letter to George H. Richards, 8 February 1872

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Ngombe Nullah near
Speke's Kazeh^{8th} (Feby)
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My Dear Captain Richards

My letters to you been destroyed I have been upon as a spy the Zanzibar slave so you must make allowances my long silence -

M^r Stanley an American takes this the coast so I repeat thoughtfulness to for all you did Young's Expedition otherwise -

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My work would have finished long ago from grievance of situation D^r Kirk over the matter supplies & men to

Ludha a Bannian slave and he entrusted slaves who curiously all had the idea they were not to but force me - £500 were thus and again £500 was placed Ludha's hands. & am now going East catch the relics of second £500 worth goods from the slaves like jolly fellows been feasting on

[0003] them for 14 months loss inflicted on is over 2 years time. 1800 miles tramp and nearly

£1000 in money - I hope to get over all - You will learned before that the Nile in 10°-12° South this became it is said to been awarded Beke[,] Finlay[,] and

Arrowsmith because dreamed about - this is interesting as my Despatches shew you the from which Nile arises is

[0004] some 700 miles long to be fair the dreamers have awarded to also the discovery division of labour dreaming - Each to 233 miles = Discovery me means very hard and the work is yet finished - I West again to the or seventh miles of the where the fountains are to the West are the sources long ago Herodotus - I wish could settle them in good long snooze -

[0005] fountains are almost and all into large and Lakes in great Nile really perpetual slope so as I have seen it no " Upper Nile " at all and I the level to Gondokoro goes through the of the cannibals Manyuema slave trade lately there as not in any sense is simply cold murder and is all carried on

[0006] the money of Ludha other Banian English who though dare not kill a or flea are really truly the very cannibals in Africa - The money all comes from them they manage adroitly let the odium rest their Arab agents -

I transmit by M^r two pocket and two watches - are dead though no befel any of instruments except by shipwreck

[0007] were going to be in depot in case those I took with me lost. I retain [^][dead] chronometer to if I can get a longi[-]

-tude by putting a on the key and successive 's (alts) - and moon's . The watches trouble you with you have workmen was dipped in and I filled with oil to preserve - The other had stop

hands too small -

[0008] you can favour by allowing your to put a dial & larger face on it. I feel greatly -
It is a very watch but too - I am hoping get the Aneroids to the sea to them there again has
altered .

very sincerely yours

David Livingstone

H.M. consul.