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My Darling Nannie

We have been a time in working to this which is the watershed Geographers seek. are some 4,500 feet the sea and the Luapula lies front of us. This is to be very large & into Lake Tanganyika we hope to be May next. I have anticipation of letters

[0002] and a fresh stock of . The Arabs all fled me as if I had the & I could send nothing the coast. We had to go a way round about partly to prevent Johanna men running at sight of danger partly because the were afraid that I burn their vessels Lake Nyassa as slavers Johanna men did at bolt at the mere of danger in front I went on & faced it but nine Africans of whom are boys a school at Bombay for the recaptured

[0003] Johanna men were such lot of theives that it was relief to get rid of them have since worked our North till we are a part blank on the . We got enough meat in the lower by the rifle. but we got up to the of the Babisa an animal could seen. the people all by their own could sell us . They lived on Mushrooms by trudging through forests and marshes. the almost constantly wet

[0004] gnawing hunger most of the Newstead came off my bones. the people have something sell so we get on better & mean to rest a while & . This village has stockades round it inner one being defended by a deep ditch & hedge. When we I went to be publicly by the chief- - no one go near him the time without a . He sat by a hut and a dozen beat drums and rattles so as to a terrific din would not sit on the

[0005] so he ordered big elephants tusk to placed for me. His were like milestones the number of rings little bells on them talking a while he along with me to group of cows & gave one sending the tusk me because I had sat it, but I did not of it

The country is covered with forest of kinds of trees mainly these yield to bark with which nearly are clothed. The forests very leafy - burns in every direction all are now full

[0006] have no news since left the coast. I lost my medicines at one . This is the sorest of property that ever me. I have had no as yet but should come I must try native and trust in watchful care which moment guards keeps us with a more minute & than our self could attain. I you have been Newstead. Get all accomplishments can while you the chance

[0007] wish you would let

M^r Oswell know that have heard from . Some black slave take this to the and will not wait I have written to all whom I ought. they just got their complement slaves and off they go. Tom had better tell his fellow lodger

M^r Stewart all he asks he is not very delicate to his questions but
Tom had better not read to him as you did remark about Miss
— a good way of answer-a question which not to have been

[0008] is to ask "can you keep secret" to the affirmative "well so can I." This archbishop's
Whatelys - I have written my head is blank or nearly all last & all day today me kindly M^r &
M^{rs} Murray - Madame Hocede if are near her and of my blessing

Affectionately yours

David Livingstone