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Dr. Henry Barth

My Dear Sir

It was extremely kind in you to remem [b]er u s and send the remaining volumes of your work, an I beg leave to tender you my hearty thanks for your generosity. You no doubt recollected the time when you were placed in similar but much more unfavourable circumstances and kindly sympathised with us. Many thanks for your kindness.

We have been prevented from going at once up to the Makolo country by a wretched sham of a vessel - rue of the contraction for which promised before we got it that she should carry ten or twelve tons and the other declared after we got it that she was designed to carry only [a few] "a very few persons". Well this piece of honesty led us up the shire and to the discovery of two magnificent Lakes. The country adjacent to them is elevated and very beautiful, and so far we have [had] no reason to regret the delay. We are now anxiously expecting a steamer capable of ascending the rapids which from what we observed at low water we suppose passable when the river is in flood but should it not make its appearance we shall proceed on foot or in a whaler in about 6 weeks.

With good wishes for your health Happiness

I am Dear Sir

your obliged St.

David Livingstone

I beg leave to congratulate you on the honour conferred by Her Majesty the Queen.

D.L.