Letter to General Edward Sabine

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My Dear General Sabine

By some unaccountable mistake some of the magnetic instruments had been taken on board the Lady Nyassa and on clearing her out I found them. I have delivered them over to M^r Chambers of the Observatory here who thinks that

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you may prefer
them being used here
to having them sent
home. A small
theodolite accompanies
the other instrument.
My brothers observation book was in the
box so as Mr
Chambers had calculated
the observations
sent home he may
look over those
not yet sent and
possibly they may
be confirmatory

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or otherwise.

My observation books and comparison of chronometers book have all gone to the Cape and probably M^r Mann the assistant Astronomer to Sir Thomas Maclear may be able to supply the exact Longitude & Latitude of the places where observations were

 $[0004] \\ as also the mean \\ time. M^{\underline{r}} \\ Mann \\ took great pains \\ with the observations \\ and having all the \\ data may be able \\ as I have no doubt \\ he will be willing \\ to give the required time \\ that may be \\ necessary .$

I am in daily expectation of getting away from this to Africa. With kind salutation to M^{rs} Sabine I am &c David Livingstone

The instruments are not so bad as I expected, this may be from having been carefully dried after wetting .