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My Dear Tom I answer to a request from Robert I have sent some small specimens of natural history some of which are for you, and which as manifesting the wisdom and power of God you will do well to study. They go home by M^r Rae who will tell [0002]you all he can about us so you may ask him any question you please. I enclose the horns of an African oryx shot by D^r Kirk and some other things to shew that you are not forgotten.

We are going up to the Makololo country soon and regret having been delayed so long in the lower part of the river. but the delay has led to our discovering [0003] a magnificient country by going up the Shire until we reached the Lake from which it flows. We think that our Heavenly Father has work for us there in suppressing the trade in slaves. We were much decieved

in our ship by a person who making great pretensions to piety tried to turn the whole Expedition to his own wordly advantage Whatever you do in life be [0004] honest and sincere in serving both God & man. The untruths this man had to tell to cover his deceit & selfishness were frightful. The Lord bless & keep you from all evil and grant that no sin may have dominion over you.

A mail bag which was lost here by the boat being capsized was found and carried to Kilimane and thence to Tette. Hope a letter from you is in it but ten to one if it is readable now after being like Jonah in the sea but not in the whale's belly

[...] [David Livingstone]