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My Dear $M^{\underline{r}}$ Murray

I thank you for the note about the "Field" effusion - & send you an order for certain paintings by Baines our artist for a while on the Zambesi I applied for them to Lord Russell [0002]He said that [the artist Baines] having been paid they were public property - & when I told him that I meant only to use them for my forthcoming work he sent this order. they are to be returned to the Foreign Office when you are done with them - so you had better, please, get them and if they are to your [0003]mind employ one to reduce what you like - Poor Captain Need gets on very slowly in consequence of his infirmities He is a confirmed invalid - very glad of the work but sorely tried with stomach spine &c.

He has composed

two which I think will do.

Soapy got me sorely [0004]against my will to a meeting at Notingham yesterday. I told him privately how ill bishop Mackenzie had been sustained - his associates being utterly unfit to be missionaries - and he knew a little already this is the chief thing I mean to do in the matter - praise bishop Mackenzie & let the rest drop in the book Baines & Chapman were together latterly I am going to look through Baines immediately - I know nothing of the publisher of Chapman David Livingstone