

Letter to Robert Cooke

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Man Alive - that
terrible 600!! pages
and I have been
toiling like a galley
slave to bring it
up to 450 and
all the while fearing
to think of my
men & steamer
waiting for me
at Bombay &
one of them dead

[0002]

I have spread it
so evenly over the
whole I don't see
at present what
I can leave out
save the "conclusion"
and "appendix"
I put in a great
many parts with
great care &
thought only to
lengthen it, but
we shall see
what can be
done. I shall

[0003]

write to Oswell today
about it. Is it
absolutely necessary
to curtail more
than what I have
mentioned. The
"Conclusion" gives
a summary of
results and the
book would be

the better of it

I shall go up
to town about Tuesday
next, and will
see you about this
which has struck
"me all of a heap"

[0004]

Till then believe me
My Dear Cooke

Yours ever

David Livingstone

Speke has 650 pages
or 612 to end of his
narrative. might
not Milton be a little
more sparing with
his Mss

Some of the drawings
are Wallers & some
Mellers. I shall tell
you which is which
Have you a receipt for
Baines drawings