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My Dear M^r Murray

I hoped to have called on you on monday next but am detained to visit Lord Taunton. Immediately after that say on Wednesday I proceed to Newstead Abbey - Mansfield to begin work in earnest. M^r Webb the proprietor sent an invitation to me at Bombay to [0002]make that my head quarters - and having declined for various reasons he overruled them all, so I go - but will call on you first. I write now to ask you to get some paper for me. I like it smooth for when the pen glides over it I get on much more quickly. I have written a good many despatches at different times [0003]and possess copies would they do if interlined with fuller information to save labour - or would it be better to write all

out afresh

my brother has his journal ready but wishes to get the profits in America. 30000 copies of the last work were sold there. I dont see how this can be managed for it would not be true [0004]that his journal would be my work - but I am very willing to aid him if I honestly can. I meant to talk to you about this. You need not write - he is now in London & may possibly call on you. I got over the Bath affair after many a cold shiver in the mere prospect of it and am as well as could be expected. After all my labour pains the sense brought forth was very different from the report given to the Reporters but it seemed to please and so I am &c David Livingstone