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My Dear General Sabine

By some un-
accountable 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
[0002]
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
[0003]
or otherwise

My observation
books and com-
parison 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^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