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I am greatly more elated by the unexpected kindness of unknown friends, and the liberality and sympathy of H M Government than cast down by losses and obstacles But I have a purpose in view in mentioning mishaps - Before leaving Zanzibar in 1866 I paid for and dispatched a stock of goods to be placed in depot at Ujiji. In Banzamweze posters or Pagazi as usual brought them honestly to this governor or Banian agent - The same who plundered Burton and spoke pretty freely and he placed my goods in charge of his own slave Musa bin Saloom who about and very between this & Ujiji stopped the caravan ten days while he plundered as much as he chose and went off to buy ivory for his owner in Karagwe - Saloom has been kept out of the way ever since - The dregs of tea stores left by this slave are the only supplies I have recieved since 1866 - Another stock of goods was dispatched from Zanzibar in 1868 but the whole was devoured at this place - and the letters destroyed so that I should know nothing about them - Another large supply sent through Ludha and his slaves in 1869 - It came to Ujiji and except a few pounds [of worthless wages] out of 200 lbs of fine dear beads all were sold off for slaves and ivory by the person selected by Ludha Damji - I refer to these wholesale losses because though well known to Ludha and all the Banians the statement was made in the House of Lords , I suppose on the strength of Ludha's plausible fables that all my lowly round about route of 300 miles from Ujiji I did find two days ago a good quantity of supplies the remains of what had been

sent off from Banzubar sixteen months ago
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Ludha had again been employed and the slaves he selected began by loitering at Bagamoio opposite of Zanzibar for nearly four months - A war here which is still going on gave them a good excuse for going no further. The headmen were thieves and had I not returned and seized what remained I should again have lost all the slaves who have been sent by Ludha and other Banians were full of the idea that they were not to follow but force me back - I cannot say that I am altogether free from chagrin in view of the worry thwarting, baffling which the Banian and their slaves have inflicted - Common Traders receive supplies of merchandise from the coast and send loads of ivory down by the same pagazi or carriers we employ without any loss Bent the Bainans [and my agents] [^] are not their enemies - I have lost more than two years in time - have been burdened with 1800 miles of tramping and how much waste of money I cannot say - through my affairs having been completed to Banians and their slaves who are not men - I have adhered in spite of losses with a sort of John Bullish tenacity to my task and while bearing misfortune in as manly a way as possible, it strikes me that it is well that I have been brought face to face with the Banian system that inflicts enormous evil on central Africa - Gentlemen in India who see only the wealth brought to Bemba and Catch and know that the religion of the Banians does not allow them to harm a fly very over
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