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4<sup>th</sup> came through miles of  
villages burned because men  
refused Abdullah lodging  
a goat speared by a lurking  
revenge seeker -

5<sup>th</sup>

6<sup>th</sup> [^][came on to]to Boma village through  
many miles of palm or bananas[...]

7<sup>th</sup> to village ill every step [...] -  
in pain

8<sup>th</sup> people shewed suspicion  
by running away - In passing  
along the narrow path with a  
wall of dense vegetation touch  
ing each hand a large spear  
was thrown at me from my  
right and it glanced past my  
back heavily into the soil about  
20 feet beyond me = the two men  
from whom it came were about  
30 feet off only & bolted - I dont  
know how it missed except by  
the man being too sure of his aim  
and God's good hand upon me  
I was in front ~~and~~[of] a small squad  
and the main body had been  
allowed to go till the leader came  
the guilt is [...] h Bogharib's - a little  
way on a gigantic tree burned off  
so as to fall with a fearful crash  
one yard from my body & covered  
me with dust thank God  
[...]

Several headmen came with a present of  
two slaves to prevent a war which they have

fancied to be impending - assured that  
no attack is intended they dont believe it  
When we force them to land canoes they  
will conclude that they were right in their  
fancy - I have been two months trying to buy  
a canoe and now bamboozled by this head  
man's false pretences of ownership no  
other headman will even remonstrate - All  
knew that the trader was plundered by Kalenga  
but no one would let us know - a very  
strange people - Katomba's slave buyers  
went off this morning across Lualaba

28<sup>th</sup> Hassani declared that since  
he came here not a banana or bit of  
cassava had even been presented to him  
Market I generally visit to see the fish  
and people one man offered me a few  
small fish - another a sweet potato &  
piece of cassava - then a third 2 small  
fishes - but manyema are not liberal  
saw a man with ten human jaw bones  
strung over his shoulder - Asked if he eat  
the flesh - yes and taking his knife he  
said I cut up a man this way - I expressed  
disgust at which he and others laughed  
see many strange people every time I go  
Two nice girls were selling Gumbe or  
roasted white ants -

29<sup>th</sup> Mologhwe Dambo & two others  
came to mix blood with Hassani - It is  
simply a small incision made on the  
arm & blood from each rubbed on the spot  
He says that he has promised him ten  
canoes to be brought as soon as the copper  
party under Manilla comes back to us

30<sup>th</sup> River has fallen four inches  
within the last four days - colour black or  
very dark brown - considerable quantities  
of wreck still float down -

copper safari returned today as  
was appointed = successful -  
brought a little coffee and vani