## Letter to General Edward Sabine, 13 December 1865

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My Dear General Sabine

By some unaccountable 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<sup>r</sup>\_ 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 comparison of chronometers book have all gone to the Cape and probably  $M^{\underline{r}}$ 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.  $M^{\underline{r}}$ 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  $M^{\underline{rs}}$  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