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- Mode of walking of Solio - 20 -
- to Kassessa's - full fledged kite -
Mamohela - Imano - Bambarre 21 -
- Monandewa's mountain range -
Kassangangarzi's M^t Moloni 22
- Pyanamosindi's - Kabila hot fⁿ -
Meet caravan of Masinki at -
Mokwaniwa's - Seyed Majid -
dead - Guha = Loanda -
Ioñgumba possible outlet of -
Tanganyika through Kabogo West 23
- Islet Kasenge - Kabogo -
East - Ujiji - news of 24
- robbery by Shereef so as to -
leave me destitute - -
Seyed bin Majid generous -
offer of aid declined - the -
"Englishman coming" "I see him" -
the true good Samaritan -
arrives Henry M Stanley -
sent by James Gordon Bennett - juries -
News from home after 2 -
years silence - Health revived -
in a week - visit N. end of -
Taganyika - Usige running in 25
- Resolve to remain & finish -
my task - 21 days out in reckoning
reasons for belief in the 26
ancient fountains - -

- Round about route from –
Ujiji to Unyanyembe to –
avoid being fleeced - –
Reach Unyanyembe in –
54 days from Ujiji - find –
Arabs engaged in a somewhat –
chronic war with Mirambo 27
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- Robbery by headsmen selected 29
- by Ludha Danji again - –
M^r Stanley's generous –
presents a short 28
- Note in Arab near with –
Mirambo - loss by the –
so-called governor Syde bin –
Salems carelessness –
but I keep my own counsel –

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naturally conclude that all cutchees may
safely be entrusted with the possession of
slaves, but I have been forced to see that
those who shrink from killing a flea or
mosquito are virutally the worst cannibals
in all Africa - the Manyema cannibals
among whom I spent nearly two years
are innocents compared with our
protected Banian fellow subjects.
By then Arab agents they compass the
destruction of more human lives
for their flesh pots in ten - and
could the Indian gentlemen who opppose
the anti slave trade policy of the Foreign
office, but witness the horrid deeds
done by the Banian agents, they would
be foremost in decreeing that every
cutchee found guilty of direct or indirect
slaving should forthwith be shipped
back to India, if not to the Andeman
islands.

The Banians having complete possession of the custom House and Revenue of Zanzibar enjoy complete ample opportunity to aid and conceal the slave trade and all fraudulent transactions committed by their agents - It would be good policy to recommend to Sultan as he cannot trust his Moslem subjects to place his income from all sources in the hands of an English or American merchant of known reputation & uprightness It would be a check on the slave trade - a benefit to the Sultan and an aid to lawful commerce -
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But by far the most beneficial measure that could be introduced into Eastern Africa would be the moral element which has worked so beneficially in suppressing the slave trade around all the [^] [English] settlements of the West Coast - the Banians seem to have no religion worthy of the name, and among the Mohamadans religion and morality are completely disjoined - Different opinions have been expressed as to the success of Christian missionaries - and gentlemen who judge by the riff raff that follow Indian camps speak very unfavourably from an impression that the drunkhards who profess to be of "Master's" caste and drink brandy" are of average specimens of Christian comments - But the comprehensible reports of Colonel Ord presented to Parliament [1875] contains no such mistake - He states that while the presence of the squadron has had some share in suppressing the slave trade the result is mainly due to the existence of the settlements - this is supported by the fact that even in those least visited by men of war, it has been as effectually

suppressed as in those which have
been their most constant resort - the
moral element which has proved
beneficial all round the settlements
is mainly due to the teachings of the
missionaries - I would carefully
avoid anything like boasting over
the benevolent efforts of our countrymen
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But here their good influences are
totally unknown. No attempt has ever
been made by the Muhamadans in East
Africa to propagate their faith, and their
trade intercourse has only made the
natives more avaricious than themselves
The fines levied on all traders are nearly
prohibitive and nothing is given in return
Mr Stanley was mulcted of sixteen hundred
yards of superior calico between the sea
and Ujiji - and we made a detour of 300
miles to avoid similar spoliation among
people accustomed to Arabs - It has been
said that Moslems would be better
missionaries than Christians because
they would allow polygamy, but nowhere
have Christians been loaded with the
contempt the Arabs have to endure in
addition to being plundered - to "hoŋga"
originally meant to make friends - it
does so now in all the more central
countries and presents are exchanged
at the ceremony the natives usually
giving the largest amount but on routes
much frequented by Arabs it has come
to mean not "black mail" but forced
contributions impudently demanded
and neither service nor food returned

six pages to be added
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Despatch is continued in the three
loose sheets herein enclosed.