

## Letter to William Brock, 12 November 1859

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My Dear Friend

Having this day finished first perusal of your admirable of an admirable man, by the way you forgot to send me. I feel that I must write you. No wonder you were affected preaching the funeral sermon the good and great General Havelock a lovely character - so exalted a and yet so human - so , and yet so brave. I can better into your feelings now I trust this labour of love yours will become a blessing many.

Here we are away the exciting themes which the public mind at home we are working towards a great in the hope that the Lord in mercy accept our and grant us our desires. first matters appeared un-but these very hindrances

[0002] promise to turn out signally in favour. We have been longer the lower portion of the river than we but our opportunities for the fever - and trying the plan I followed when alone have more numerous in consequence, I believe we can now cure the disease and without (in general) loss strength to the patient. This is one of greatest boons our Expedition will have shew. We cannot however cure the brandy but country fever and it are two diseases we have been led to go up the Shire we found that this river comes out a large Lake called Nyassa. The region by Lake & river is one of the cotton countries in the world - are no frosts to cut off the crops in America and instead of the un-toil required in the slave states sowing of foreign seed serves for years crops. In the cotton country have highlands which present changes climate within a few miles of each for we can ascend from the Shire where the thermometer stands about

96° in the shade and the river water is

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81° - 84° or like a warm bath at home to heights of from 3000 to 7000 feet, well and peopled too, in the course a short days journey. The people now cultivate large quantities of and the problem of supply of the material of our manufactures dependance on slave labour verging towards a [...] . The region referred to is large section of the slave market. We abundant evidence of this everywhere here English settlements would in course of time be an incalculable . Lawful commerce as a of counteracting that in slaves above everything the gospel is the only remedy for the woes Africa and the only means which effectually raise the degraded of humanity would here find most eligible field. I believe that is in contemplation & only carried out with vigour efforts will be rewarded - & I shall grieve at being detained so long the Makololo.

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It gives me much pleasure to see some of the Papers that our Binney is recovered and been doing some good in Australia he is home and you happen meet him please tell him that am greatly rejoiced to hear of his & usefulness - should you M<sup>r</sup> Spurgeon the same thing do for him - I love them with very great affection Lord make them & you my - abundant blessings. I am apparently another line but I know I am about. I had a naval officer didn't. He came out I found not elevate the African and prepare the for the gospel but "to discover the lost Tribes" as

if of all things in world we hadn't plenty of Jews . I had to send him home soon came down here to meet a man of with provisions and tinker our with which we were cheated by philanthropist (so called) Please present kind regards to your lady and Sir Morton Peto & family & believe me

Yours ever

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