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My Dear M^r Murray

You remember a couple of volumes of my journal were stolen by a trader at Linyanti. When I said to the chief Sekeletu that trader says you did not give the book to him. "He lies" said his queen [0002]

Seipone "I gave them

to him myself "This

trader then [after getting the volumes] went over

to Mosilikatze's

country where another

trader named

Chapman was

trading - This Chapman has published a

book and I should

like to see it - because

when I lately went

back to Linyanti

I got a mail bag

from $\mathbf{M}^{\underline{\mathbf{r}}}$ Moffat

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through Mosilikatze's

country in the

mouth of which

was one of the

lost volumes, the

lock taken off in

a more scientific

way than would

be done by a

native. I would

like to see his book

to see if I can recognize my own writing & we have sent to one of the large libraries - not [0004] Mudies & cant get it. I dont know its title or publisher

I cannot get [D^r] Kirk to agree to a proposition of the Hookers to write the Flora & Zoology for which the Government is willing to give £1200. I was about to apply for his Expedition salary for three or four years but he fears that his labours might not prove satisfactory to the Gov<u>+</u> He offers to name any plants for me but I have been leaving all that department and all scientific description for him. He is a capital fellow I am &c David Livingstone