

Clover St. Chatham

And where will you be Dec 23, 1869.

My dear Doctor this Christmas that
is coming I wonder! Kirk will tell you
that a letter reached here from you
which you sent to him by some
Buffalo driver dated from Lijiji May
20th. To us in England who were
reckoning on your immediate return it
was tantalizing. All the news I can glean
for you is that old Mr. Moffat is expected
in England just about this time. They
are finding diamonds in quantities in
the Cape Colony. Dr. Beke is working
tremendously hard at a paper I hear
which is to be published in some
obscure paper to the effect that you
discovered the source of the Nile in 1864
in the Kassai I think! I think one Stra-
dislaus backs up the opinion or some
such name. In looking at Baker's
book I find he cross questions a woman
who seems to have come from the North
end of the lake he discovered (?) and she
told him that the name of the chief

who governed Magango, the country at the top of the
Lake on the East side was Cherirambi, this sounds
very much like your Chwambi indeed, and when
one remembers how likely the women would be to give
the name of the Lake instead of the name of the Chief
who lived there through the mess of interpreters &
I should not be surprised at all. You know I tell you all
what I can pick up in London, well then I see
that folks are sadly at a loss to account for your return
in keeping your discoveries to yourself so. I can quite
understand that among all the tricks of these
fellows but surely when you came home it would only
be useful to say you would be answerable for nothing
except that which was drawn in by your own hand &
signed by you and deposited at the F.O. or the Geographical

If anything were to happen to your
journals where should we all be!!
I am afraid those 40 letters have
got amongst 40 thieves. I hear
John Arrowsmith, poor soul, takes
to himself the blame of having put
your bristles up in map making &
is sadly chagrined at it. I have
no doubt in my own mind but that
you have been sufficiently far
up the East Coast of Tanganyika
to feel sure that you have reached
a point which Baker said looks
South because you say the two lakes
are one. But your letter cannot
be understood at the Geographical
and they doubt if that is your meaning
I can't ^{prove} a bit. They think you suppose
Tanganyika may all flow off to
the Westward. I will try and send
you a line each mail. God bless &
guard you and those with you. Love
to Anna if he is with you
Ever yours Faithfully
Hr.

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