

## Extract from Diary, May-June 1873

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D<sup>r</sup> Livingstones death.

D<sup>r</sup> Livingstones disease increase from river Chambezi. After leaving river Chambezi came to the river Manikazi. The name of the Chief man of the place is Katenkera where his disease more and more increased. From here we came to Kopa; the chief man on river Mitikira. From river Mitikira we came to Lawa m/ba, the chief man. The river name is Lookulu. From Mayawambe we began to carry him in a cot. From here we proceeded to Katangandyofu on borders of Wabisa country. The river here is Lulimala. After crossing the river Lulimala we entered on another and new country. The native chief of this place [is] named Kutumbo and the name of his country is Muilala[.]

Page (1) written by my uncle, D<sup>r</sup> Christie who at the time, was physician to Burgash, Sultan of Zanzibar

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Here after lodging one day the next day the ^[...] next night he died on May 4<sup>th</sup> 1873. Next day that is on May 5<sup>th</sup> we had no other remedy than salting his body to preserve it from corruption and when his belly was examined nothing was found except black blood and also his lungs were found wasted up. On the following day we made ready a box or coffin. We generally made our cottages around a large shady tree.

The name of this tree of this time is Mbura on which we carved an inscription as D<sup>r</sup> Livingstone; May 4<sup>th</sup> 1873. And also the names of three leader Jazuza, Manyasere & Chopere.

Onward March to home.

When we saw our master was dead we had no need to proceed further, but return to Zanzibar carrying with us the corpse. We had lived 12 days in the town of Veitumba, and in the following day we began our march at length.

We came to a town the important chief is Manawam-Gungu. We had lived several days here for the sake of sickness. All the people in our caravan were sick, by the exception of five or six. On the 25<sup>th</sup> of June we had arrived on the banks of Lwapla the same river Cham-bezy

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This river is very broad and important. It flows Eastward or towards the sunset. The Chief or Sultan of this place [is] named Kasaramarama. When we were crossing this river we nearly came upon a fighting, and the natives would hardly give their canoes. When we were arrived on the other side of Lwapla, that is the country of Kawenday. This country is reported to be full of wild animals, as lion, tiger, & elephants, & it is very true. For in the same night about 10 o'clock, when we were all asleep, two or couple of lions came & killed our fine donkey. which had been useful to us for the sick persons. That night we did not have any sleep by the roarings of the lions. But we kept watch & fired at them when they attempted to come near. We had some fear that they might come again & fall upon human-beings. The natives and all the people

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