

## Letter to Robert Cooke, 22 April 1865

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[0001]

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Man Alive - that  
terrible 600!! pages  
and I have been  
toiling like a galley  
slave to bring it  
up to 450 and  
all the while fearing  
to think of my  
men & steamer  
waiting for me  
at Bombay &  
one of them dead

[0002]

I have spread it  
so evenly over the  
whole I don't see  
at present what  
I can leave out  
save the "conclusion"  
and "appendix"  
I put in a great  
many parts with  
great care &  
thought only to  
lengthen it, but  
we shall see  
what can be  
done. I shall

[0003]

write to Oswell today  
about it. Is it  
absolutely necessary  
to curtail more  
than what I have  
mentioned. The  
"Conclusion" gives  
a summary of  
results and the  
book would be

the better of it

I shall go up  
to town about Tuesday  
next, and will  
see you about this  
which has struck  
"me all of a heap"

[0004]

Till then believe me  
My Dear Cooke

Yours ever

David Livingstone

Speke has 650 pages  
or 612 to end of his  
narrative. might  
not Milton be a little  
more sparing with  
his Mss

Some of the drawings  
are Wallers & some  
Mellers. I shall tell  
you which is which  
Have you a receipt for  
Baines drawings