

Letter to General Edward Sabine, 13 December 1865

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The instruments are not so bad as I expected, this may be from having been carefully dried after wetting

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My Dear General Sabine

By some unaccountable mistake some of the magnetic instruments had been taken on board the Lady Nyassa and on clearing her out I found them. I have delivered them over to M^r Chambers of the Observatory here who thinks that

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you may prefer them being used here to having them sent home. A small theodolite accompanies the other instrument My brothers observation book was in the box so as Mr Chambers had calculated the observations sent home he may look over those not yet sent and possibly they may be confirmatory

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or otherwise

My observation books and com-

parison of chronometers
book have all
gone to the Cape
and probably M^E
Mann the assistant
Astronomer to
Sir Thomas Maclear
may be able to
supply the exact
Longitude & Latitude
of the places where
observations were

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as also the mean
time. M^E
Mann
took great pains
with the observations
and having all the
data may be able
as I have no doubt
he will be willing
to give the required time
that may be
necessary

I am in daily
expectation of getting
away from this to
Africa. With kind
salutation to M^{ES} Sabine
I am &c David Livingstone