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many years, and thirty or forty years afterwards there was still a doubt as to whether it was spurious or genuine. The island was curious in an ethnological point of view, from the fact of a Malay race being found in such a high northern latitude. This subject was well worthy of accurate investigation, and as we became better acquainted with the island many curious discoveries might be made.

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After alluding to the excellent series of photographs exhibited by Mr. Thomson, and proposing a vote of thanks to him, the President reverted to the subject of African exploration. He said a letter had that day been received from Lieutenant Grandy to the following effect :—

“ St. Paulo de Loanda,
“ Wednesday, January, 22, 1873.
“ SIR, “ I have the honour to report that we arrived at this place, all well, on the evening of the 20th inst., and disembarked the following evening at 10. The Governor has signified his intention to free our baggage from the usual Custom’s charges, and we hope to get the order to-day. The Acting British Vice-Consul will introduce us to his Excellency and other officials this afternoon, so that, in all probability, we shall be able to commence work to-morrow, and hope to complete everything in 14 days from this. We have not had an opportunity yet of making inquiries about the best route, carriers, &c., but I trust to be able to give all particulars by the next steamer. This mail closes in a few hours.

“ I have the honour to be, Sir,
“ Your most obedient Servant,
“ W. J. GRANDY.

“ *Sir Henry Rawlinson, K.C.B., &c.,*
“ *President of the Royal Geographical Society.*”

Despatches had also been that day received from Sir Bartle Frere at Zanzibar. In a letter to the Society, Sir Bartle said,—

“ H.M.S.Y. *Enchantress*,
“ Zanzibar, 12th February, 1873.
“ SIR, “ I have the honour to request that you will be good enough to inform the President and Council of the Royal Geographical Society that I have permitted Lieutenant Cecil Murphy of the Royal Artillery to join the East Coast Livingstone Relief Expedition under Lieutenant Cameron, R.N. Lieutenant Murphy arrived at Zanzibar in the mail steamer *Panjab* on the 9th inst.

“ The circumstances under which I deemed it advisable to support Mr. Murphy’s application to be thus employed are explained in the enclosed copies of original correspondence on this head.

“ Before taking any steps in this matter, however, I ascertained clearly that Mr. Murphy’s companionship was strongly wished for, both by Lieutenant Cameron and Dr. Dillon ; and Lieutenant Cameron also reported that, after a careful estimate, he considered that Mr. Murphy’s Indian pay, which that officer declared himself willing to devote to the payment of his expenses, would fully cover any extra expenditure his presence might entail on the Expedition. The only cost, therefore, to which the Royal Geographical Society will be put is that of a passage for Mr. Murphy and servant from Aden to Zanzibar.

“ I consider the acquisition of Mr. Murphy’s services to be of the greatest possible advantage to Lieutenant Cameron’s Expedition. Mr. Murphy is strong and active, and having been formerly in the Royal Engineers is well

acquainted with the use of scientific instruments. He served with credit through the whole of the Abyssinian campaign, and is well spoken of by all with whom he has served; and he has, moreover, the greatest interest in the work on which he will be employed.

“H. B. FRERE,

“Special Envoy to Zanzibar and Muscat.

“To the Secretary,

“Royal Geographical Society, London.”

The instructions given to Lieutenant Cameron and party were as follows:—

*Memorandum of Instructions for the Livingstone East Coast Expedition;
given at Zanzibar by Sir BARTLE FRERE, K.C.B., &c.*

“The command of the Expedition is entrusted to Lieutenant Lovett Cameron, R.N. In the event of his being incapacitated for exercising the command it will devolve on Dr. Dillon, and after him on any European officer who may be ordered to join them. [Lieutenant Murphy, Royal Artillery, has since joined.]

“The following are the instructions addressed to the officer commanding the Expedition:—

“1. The first and principal object of the Expedition under your command is to effect a junction with Dr. Livingstone, and to deliver into his hands the various letters, stores, packages, &c., &c., of which the Expedition has charge; and to assure him of the unabated admiration and interest with which his proceedings are watched by his countrymen and by the whole civilized world.

“This done, you are to assist him in every way and inform him that it is the desire of the Royal Geographical Society that you should place yourself, with the whole of the members and resources of your Expedition, absolutely and entirely at his disposal, to carry out any such work as he may direct and advise.

“2. On arrival at Lake Tanganyika you will endeavour to ascertain the probable direction in which Dr. Livingstone may be found, and to follow him or cut across the route which he has indicated, or which you may ascertain by local enquiry as that which he is likely to adopt. Should you find it very doubtful whether by this means you can effect a junction with him, it will probably then be advisable that you should place in safety the greater part of the stores and letters, &c., in your charge, either at Ujiji or at some other point where they could be most easily reached by Dr. Livingstone. In the event of his returning towards the East Coast, as he informed Mr. Stanley he intended to do; and you should then take all practicable steps to give information to the Doctor of your having done so, as also of your intended subsequent movements.

“These movements should be guided mainly with a view to effecting a junction with Dr. Livingstone, or to the completion, amplification, and verification of any of the Doctor's work, in the country in which you may find it practicable to penetrate, while you are awaiting further intelligence of him.

“3. The completion of the examination of the Tanganyika Lake and the exploration of Lake Victoria Nyanza have been indicated, the latter by Livingstone himself, as works of the greatest importance; and I would especially impress upon you the necessity of testing and verifying in every possible way the altitude of the Tanganyika Lake.

“4. The latest information as to Livingstone's proposed movements is to be found in Stanley's book, page 626, of which you have a copy, in the September