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My dear Herr Grimmedel

Your letter dated from Kulu
23. 94. received this day.

I am sorry you are so
busy as to find it difficult
to get the time to send me long
and fuller letters, not only because
I should feel more in touch with
the civilized world among the
strangers here, but because your
suggestions, and directions are
such valuable assistance to me
to get very few letters now. For I
have been so long away from
my native land that all my
relatives are dead or unknown
and old friends have lost sight
of me, so that it is a real pleasure
for me to receive a letter from
any one. Though we have never
met yet. The pursuit common to
both of us seems to me as if I
had done so.

It was the safe receipt of the
last four boxes. I was so anxious
about. (sent from here in December
last) Not only ^{are} the contents
valuable as completing previous
sent notes and exhibits, but if
they were lost I could not replace
them again, and could not re-
write the manuscript, as I was

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so prostrate and weak with fever
at the time I sent them off
that I could not summon
strength enough to make a
copy, but sent off the original
and only sheets.

I hope that (as you say that
they have not been yet opened)
that the boxes are kept in a
dry place and will not be
damaged by the delay. Two of the
are tin-lined and waterproof
but two are not.

There is a Blandass skull
among them, which is of very
pure blood. It was the getting this
which cost me the second attack
of fever & so I hope that it reaches
Prof. Virchow's hands safely, after
the trouble I had to get it.

In those boxes also are the exhibits
and information which will enable
you to write a complete history
of the pumputans used here and
explain all the differences existing
in their styles and patterns.

The information and illustrations
of the ancient face painting
too, is new, & I think, to Europe
and very interesting.

You say you will soon write
to me again & send the rest of the
proof sheets. I received this mail
those you sent accompanying my

the letter and am very gratified to see the completeness and thoroughness of your editing. It must cause you much trouble and careful work and you will have earned the credit you will purely receive.

The three parcels of manuscript "for printing only" are so addressed on the outside, because of the rule of the post office here. If I did not write that on the cover, I should have had to have paid a great deal more for the postage stamp but whether you print what I have written or not depends on whether you consider the information possible of sufficient value, of course.

I received a thousand marks from the Consul last month, but no letter from Berlin to me to say anything about it. The Consul said it was to keep me to wait for further instructions, as I had lost all money. I acknowledged it at the time and feel very grateful for the assistance, at a time it was so much needed. It was a kindness which will bring you back good fruit, as I shall not forget it nor rest till I have returned.

The Consul also told me, from his own letters from Berlin that the only thing I could do was to wait

patiently in the hope of something being decided upon re Madagascar. I am however, trying to get some private money together, to go back to the jungle where I was in October and to get the long deferred skulls, now that I know where they are. Pure

That last illness was much more severe than I thought. I am slowly recovering health, but the two doctors here agree that for a long time they had no hope of my living. It was not only the actual fever, though that was an exceedingly severe attack, such as would certainly have carried off any one less hardy and inured to malaria but the break-down of the system generally under the constant and heavy mental strain for so long a period, aided by the want of proper & nutritious food.

Going so frequently alone in the dark jungle, unarmed, and exposed at every hour to danger from wild animals suddenly and unexpectedly encountered the lying down to a sleep disturbed by the knowledge of ever present risk kept the mental faculties under such a constant tension that when the fever supervened and so completely prostrated me the mental prostration was more

difficult to recover from than even the
silly weakness

I did not ^{myself} expect, in December and
January that I should live. I
was so hopelessly shattered, but
to rest, ^{regular food,} and the sea air, is slowly
bringing back health and energy
and I trust I shall be as good
and strong as ever in a month
or two.

Though I am resting yet I
have my men at work in the
jungle collecting ^{details of} information
required, and as hereafter I need
not endure the wandering about
in the jungle, in search of the
certain camps, but know where to
direct for any man or any
information without loss of time
or travel. I am now confident I can
finish the researches at a less
cost than that of my life, but I have
had a very narrow escape. In no
country have yet entered have the
conditions been so difficult and
dangerous as in this. It is no wonder
that hitherto it has been a terra
incognita. Some day, if ever we meet
I will detail to you my life in the
jungle and you will agree with
me that it was no child's play. But
that does not matter now, you know authorities
who and what manner of men
are in these jungles and can

separate the facts from the former fables. I have only Herr Virchow to satisfy now, and, if I only live long enough, I will do that, although I have received such a severe check at present.

The doctors wanted to send me to Australia to recover, but I could not bear the idea of leaving the place with work undone, and I had sufficient confidence in my strong constitution to know, that if there was any chance of my recovery, (ick though I was, that I should be just as well off here as there if I kept quiet and events have shown that I was correct. Moreover, I did not know where I could get the money, at that time for the ship passage, as I have ever spent my income.

I hope however, things will take a turn and fortune return to me.

By the same mail as your letter came one from Herr Nobius to you, enclosed (with printed slips) by you in an envelope to me, but no explanation or instructions beyond.

Of course I understand that he wants "Natural history" specimens, & I avail myself of my being here but I do not know to what extent. I am by this mail writing to him

This letter of his is the first I have had on the subject. For full details I shall be very willing and pleased to do anything for any friend of yours, without any remuneration, so long as I am not put to any expense I cannot now afford, either in this or in any other country, and with much regret that the request did not reach me when I first came to this country as so many opportunities have been met and neglected since then.

I will do my best. However, on receipt of a clear understanding from him. [I suppose, from the writing, that the remark re "money for packing &c" is by you to me, as it seems to be your hand. Though not signed.]

I have a few pages of notes to send you, but send them in another envelope.

If you have a spare copy of the analysis of the Klay Titaw I shall be very glad if you will send it to me. The first was much damaged in coming here, in the post office.

Very sincerely yours
Hroef. C. Vaughan - Stevens
