

out-posts of the African Lakes Company, likewise of English origin, are the only forces for civilization at work in the district. The English flag floats from the little steamer on the Shire, English produce is supplied by the trading Company, and at the Mission stations of Blantyre and Bandawe, is kept alive the sacred fire first borne to these regions by Livingstone. The interior is accessible by this route, and with the interior at reach the hideous traffic in war and rapine, carried on by the Arab slavers, can be stopped, and the arts of peace and civilization given to the Dark Continent. The interests of England are thus the interests of the civilized world and can not be abandoned to the shadow of authority claimed by Portugal without the power or the will to make good the pretensions.