

rades were faithful to their duties ; to the short compactly formed man, the bead sack of fifty pounds weight ; to the light youth of eighteen or twenty years old, the box of forty pounds, containing stores, ammunition, and sundries. To the steady, respectable, grave-looking man of advanced years, the scientific instruments, thermometers, barometers, watches, sextant, mercury bottles, compasses, pedometers, photographic apparatus, dry plates, stationery, and scientific books, all packed in forty pound cases, were distributed ; while the man most highly recommended for steadiness and cautious tread was entrusted with the three chronometers which were stowed in balls of cotton, in a light case weighing not more than twenty-five pounds. The twelve guides, tricked out this day in flowing robes of crimson blanket cloth, demanded the privilege of conveying the several loads of brass wire coils, and as they form the second advanced guard, and are active, bold youths—some of whom are to be hereafter known as the boat's crew, and to be distinguished by me above all others, except the chiefs—they are armed with Snider rifles, with their respective accoutrements. The boat carriers are herculean in figure and strength, for they are practised bearers of loads. To each section of the boat there are four men, to relieve one another in couples. There are six riding asses also in the expedition, one for each of the Europeans—the two Pockets, Barker, and myself—and two for the sick : for the latter there are also three net hammocks, with six men to act as a kind of ambulance party.

At nine a.m. of the 17th, five days after leaving Zanzibar, we filed out for the town, as follows :—Four chiefs, a few hundred yards in front ; next the twelve guides, clad in red robes bearing the wire coils ; then a long file, 270 strong, bearing cloth, wire, beads, and sections of the *Lady Alice* ; after them thirty-six women and ten boys, children of some of the chiefs and boat-bearers following their mothers and assisting them with trifling loads of utensils, followed by the riding asses, Europeans, and gun-bearers ; the long line closed by sixteen chiefs who act as rearguard, and whose duties are to pick up stragglers, and act as supernumeraries until other men can be procured : in all, three hundred and fifty-six souls connected with the Anglo-American Expedition. The lengthy line occupies nearly half a mile of the path which, at the present day, is the commercial and exploring highway into the Lake regions.