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THROUGH THE DARK CONTINENT.

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A "RUGA-RUGA," ONE OF
MIRAMBO'S PATRIOTS.

FOUR days after leaving Mtesa's capital we arrived at Dumo, and greeted the Expedition after an absence of three months and five days. Frank Pocock had enjoyed splendid health, and the soldiers showed by their robust forms that they had lived on the best, and that the Emperor's commands respecting them had not been neglected. A few days sufficed to re-form the Expedition, re-pack all loads, and to prepare the boat, which had now seen nearly nine months of rough service on Lake Victoria, for transport overland to Muta Nzigé. The *Livingstone* canoe was also taken to pieces, and made into portable loads for the journey. This canoe was 23 feet long, and was formed of four long planks and one keel-piece, sewn together with cane fibre, which formed light portable loads for seven men.

On the seventh day after my return to Dumo we began the march towards the general rendezvous of the exploring army on the Katonga River. The crossing of the Katonga consumed an entire day, and was effected by means of the *Lady Alice*, which had to be forced through the dense reeds. On the sixth day after