

has been all along to fight as little as possible, but when compelled to do so, to set about the job as efficiently as possible, so that then there will remain no doubt in native minds what we propose doing when we tell them. By this policy we have won a large section in our favour—at least have compelled them to pay ready obedience. In returning from the Nyanza the second time we mustered one thousand five hundred natives, and led them to the plain of Usiri, north of our route. It was simply a long walk for us, but it has been enough. Before we left messengers came from them saying that the chiefs desired to enter our new confederation. Now, if it is necessary to teach Kaba Rega something that he has not yet learned—that there are people in this world other than those who have been content to pour their bounties into his lap, to be accepted or not to be accepted at his own good will and pleasure—it is likely he may force me to attempt it. I hope to have the means behind me with those natives whom we have brought round to our view of things. There will be at least five thousand of them, and with Emin Pasha's force and my own Zanzibaris, inured to savage forest life during these last fifteen months, it will not be difficult. For you must remember that if I travel south, to lead the Pasha's army and followers out of this country, we must spend a month in lands subject to Kaba Rega, and another month through lands governed by his allies. You must surely know what this means. I have not the rich cloths requisite to fill the rapacious maw of Kaba Rega, but I shall have bullets enough, and more than enough, for his need. Then if Emin Pasha does not accompany me with his troops, it will be still more obligatory on me to be prepared for the worst that may happen, because to travel peacefully I should have to go to him to obtain his sanction to travel