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UPON landing at Bagamoyo, on the mainland, on the morning of November 13th, 1874, we marched to occupy the old house where we had stayed so long to prepare the First Expedition. The goods were stored, the dogs chained up, the riding asses tethered, the rifles arrayed in the store-room, and the sectional boat laid under a roof close by, on rollers to prevent injury from the white ants—a precaution which we had to observe throughout our journey.

On the morning of the 17th November, 1874, the first bold step for the interior was taken. The bugle mustered the people to rank themselves before our quarters, and each man's load was given to him according as we judged his power of bearing burthen. To the man of strong sturdy make, with a large development of muscle, the cloth bale of sixty pounds was given, which would in a couple of months by constant expenditure be reduced to fifty pounds, in six months, perhaps to forty pounds, and in a year to about thirty pounds, provided that all his com-