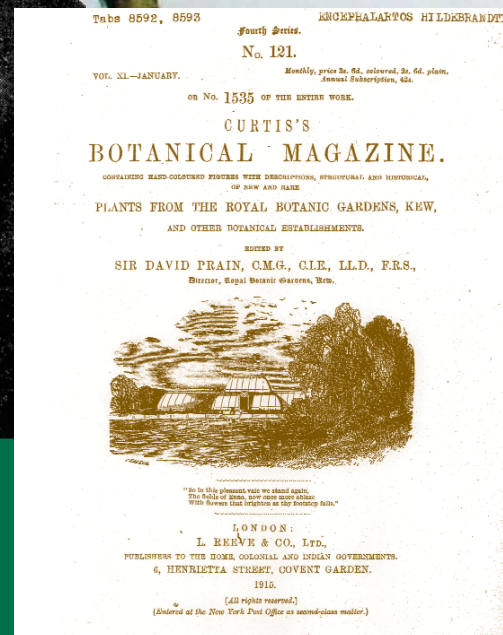


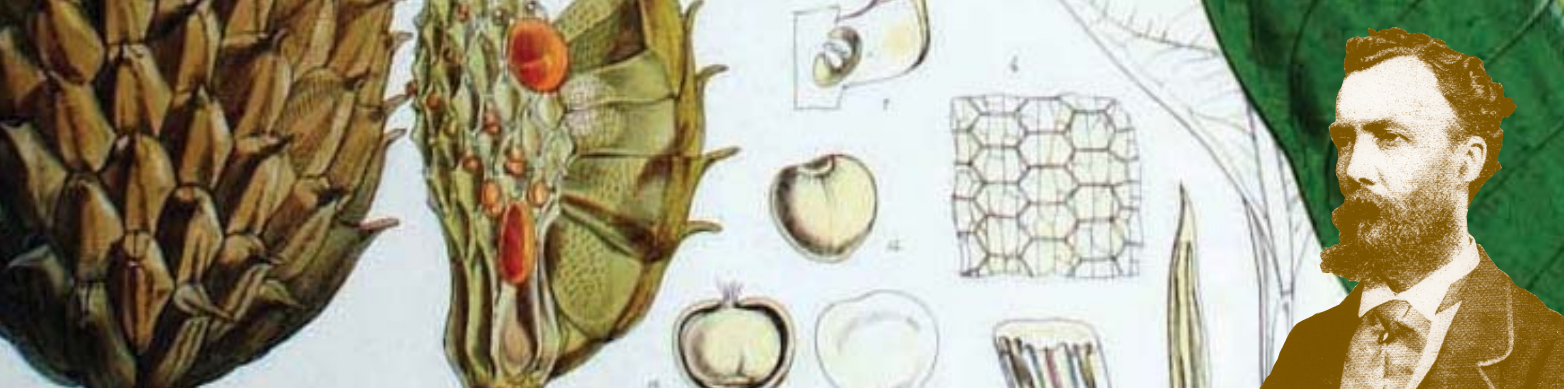
# Africa Through Western Eyes

Part 4: Papers of Sir John Kirk (1832-1922) from the National Library of Scotland



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The *Africa Through Western Eyes* series brings together a wide selection of sources for the study of life and culture in Africa, concentrating on the papers of British explorers, soldiers, colonisers, traders and missionaries, particularly during the expansion into the heart of the continent in the 19th century.

**Part 4** is entirely devoted to the papers of Sir John Kirk (1832-1922) including some letters of his wife, Lady Helen Kirk. Sir John Kirk was David Livingstone's chief assistant on the Second Zambesi Expedition, 1858-1863. He was a physician, an accomplished botanist and zoologist. His surviving expedition notes and photographs form a unique record of the expedition with Livingstone. The other fascinating letters, notes and photographs in the Kirk collection vividly document his twenty years as British Consul in Zanzibar, his relationship with the Sultan, his work in abolishing the Slave Trade there and his negotiations with the Germans regarding the formation of German East Africa. (now Tanzania).

The papers are divided into the following parts:

### Correspondence

- with David Livingstone
- from key figures in Zanzibar such as Captain W. F. Prideaux (Acting Consul General)
- from political figures in Britain
- with H W Wylde, Head of the Slave Trade Department at the Foreign Office, 1868-1886 and with Charles Allen, Secretary of the British and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society
- with the Imperial British East Africa Company and the British and International Freeland Association, 1893-1894
- with the Sultan of Zanzibar and Hamed Bin Muhammed, a prosperous ivory and slave trader, 1856-1902, 1905

- with Frederick D Lugard regarding the conduct of the Imperial British East Africa Company in Uganda
- with Sir Roderick Murchison, President of the Royal Geographical Society, 1867-1871
- with Kirk's wife, Helen and daughter and his brother, Alick

### Diaries and Notebooks

- Kirk's notebooks containing botanical, barometric and meteorological observations with sketches and narrative accounts, compiled on the Zambesi Expedition, 1858, 1860-1861
- notebooks containing notes and statistics on the slave trade, his relationship with the Sultan, visits to places such as Tanga, Merca, Geledi, Brava, Dar-es-Salaam, Msasani Bay and Formosa Bay compiled while in Zanzibar, 1866-1873, 1875-1884
- typescript transcripts of Kirk's Zanzibar diaries, 1866-1875
- diary of Helen Kirk (his wife), 1867-1869, 1877 while in Zanzibar describing visitors, visits to Lamu and Mombasa and Kirk's various trips

### Photographs

- taken by Kirk while on the Zambesi Expedition, 1858-1863
- taken while in Zanzibar, 1866-1888, covering vessels, wood carvings, Kirk's country residence, island vegetation, local dress, scenes on the African coast, Swahili tombs, the British Agency at Zanzibar, Vice-Consul Haggard and his household at Lamu, Sayyid Barghash and his entourage, the British Consulate building taken while in West Africa and Cornwall, 1895-1897
- copies of photographs taken by Kirk called the "Crimean War" album covering places such as Rome and Constantinople of the Kirk family, 1870-1915

Also included are sketches by Kirk during the Zambesi Expedition, 1858-1863.

### Printed Material

- albums of news cuttings collected by Kirk, 1871-1874, 1885-1932 covering the East African slave trade, the controversy over the shipment of supplies to Livingstone, Sir Bartle Frere's Special Mission to Zanzibar, an interview with Kirk
- loose news cuttings, 1858-1922, 1929, 1932, 1959, 1973 covering the Zambesi expedition, Livingstone's other explorations, the German involvement in East Africa, Kirk's life and obituaries of Kirk and his wife
- published material by Kirk with many illustrations on the natural history of East Africa, relating mostly to flora and fauna made known outside Africa by Kirk c1864-1960

### Highlights:

The Kirk papers are an indispensable source for African history with material for anthropology, cultural history, mission history, imperial history and the study of slavery, exploration and racism.

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