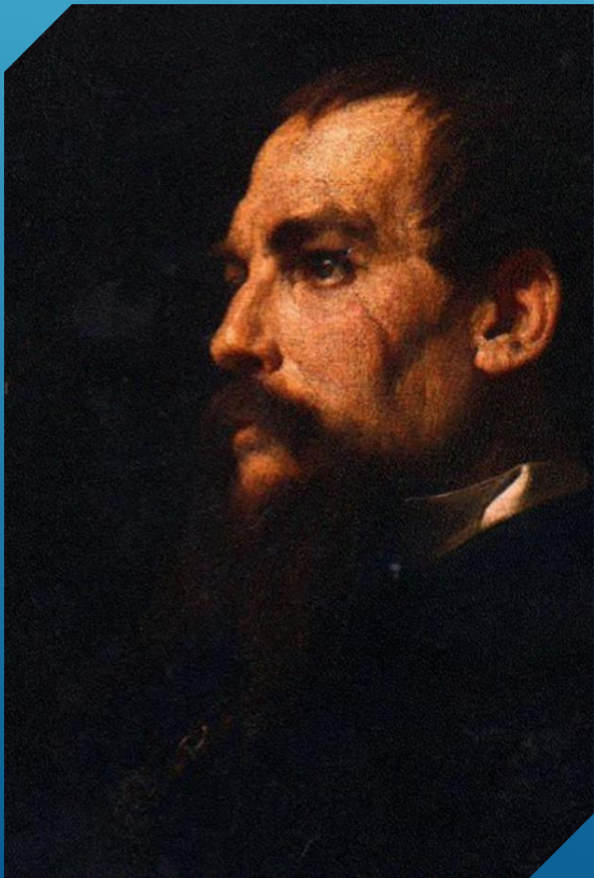


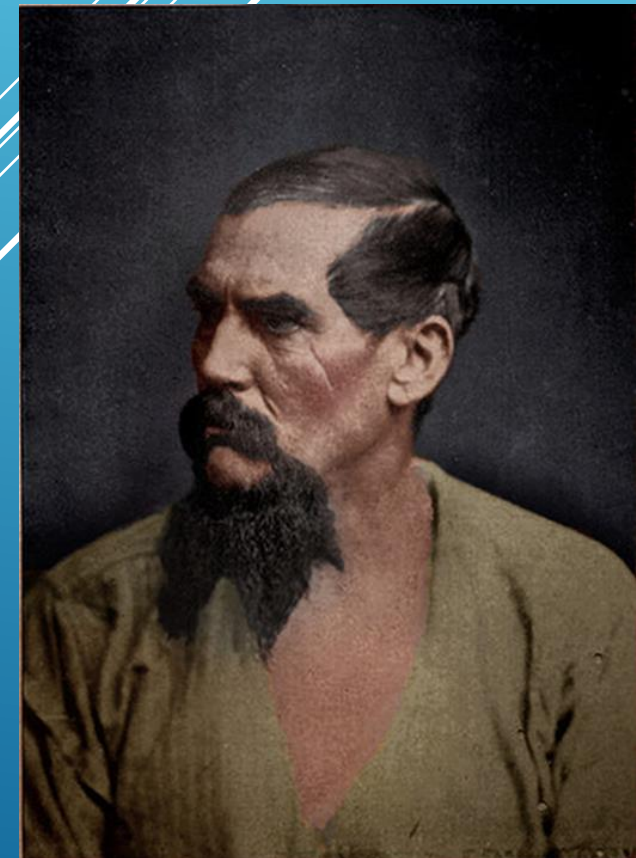
SIR RICHARD FRANCIS BURTON: THE MOST FASCINATING MAN OF THE NINETEENTH CENTURY




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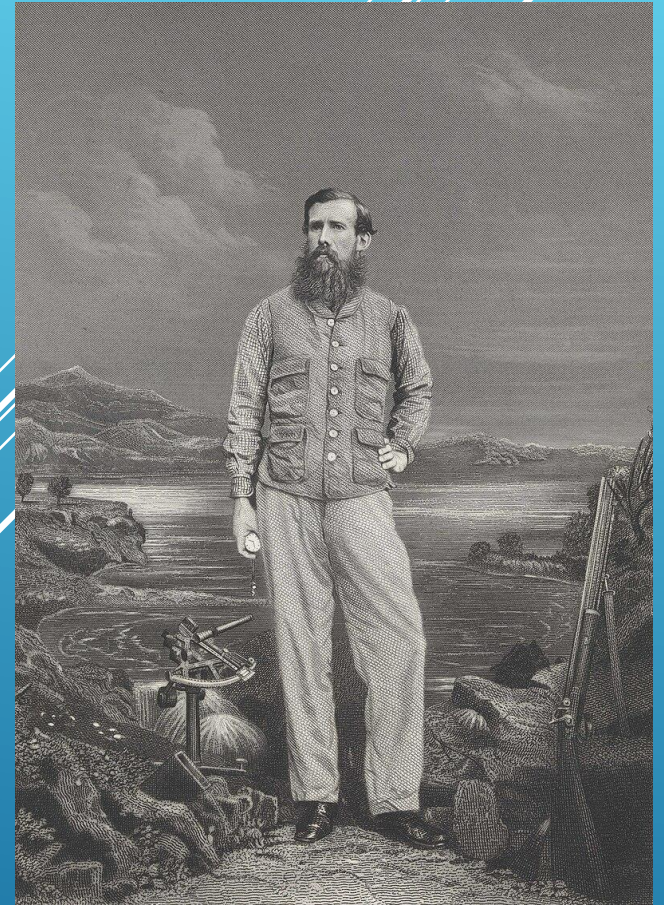


THE METHOD TO MY MADNESS

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| Week 1: January 10 | Who Is this Richard Burton Fellow? |
| Week 2: January 17 | no class – Marshall will be in Cuba! |
| Week 3: January 24 | The Infidel in Mecca |
| <u>Week 4: January 31</u> | <u>The Search for the Source of the Nile</u> |
| Week 5: February 7 | Exploring Brazil |
| Week 6: February 14 | Translating Pornography? |
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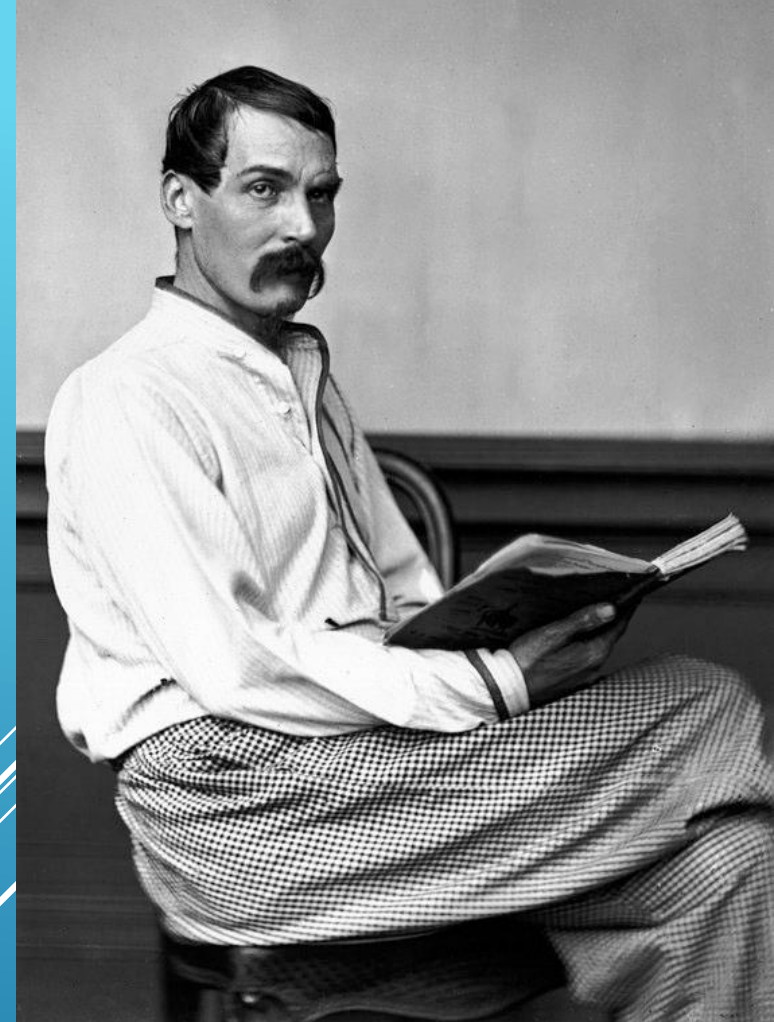
RETURN & BETRAYAL

- ❑ ship out to Aden, RFB seriously ill with malaria
- ❑ Speke leaves ahead of Burton
- ❑ Betrays Burton and presents his claims to RGS
- ❑ RFB - three major expeditions in six years
- ❑ achieved “more notoriety than fame”



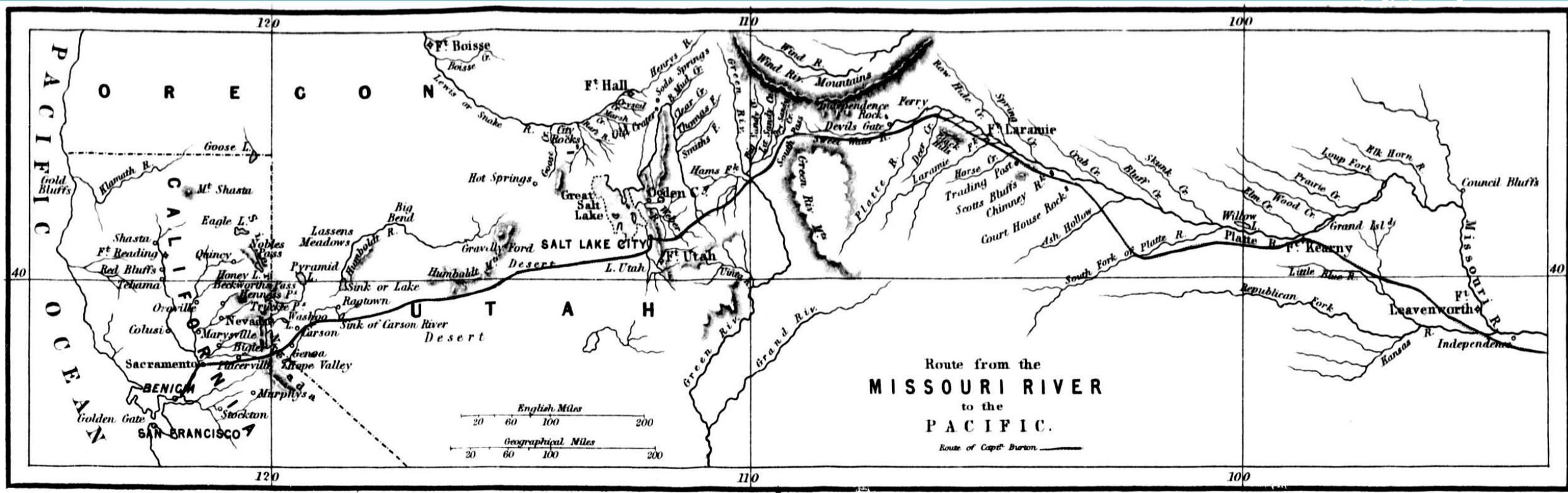
FROM AFRICA TO AMERICA

- ❑ 1860 – heads to U.S.
- ❑ Speke and Grant return to East Africa
- ❑ publishes *Lake Regions of Central Africa*
- ❑ effects of sunstroke, heatstroke, malaria, blindness, fevers, syphilis
- ❑ about to turn 40
- ❑ Isabel – “I wish I were a man. If I were I would be Richard Burton; but, being only a woman, I would be Richard Burton’s wife.”



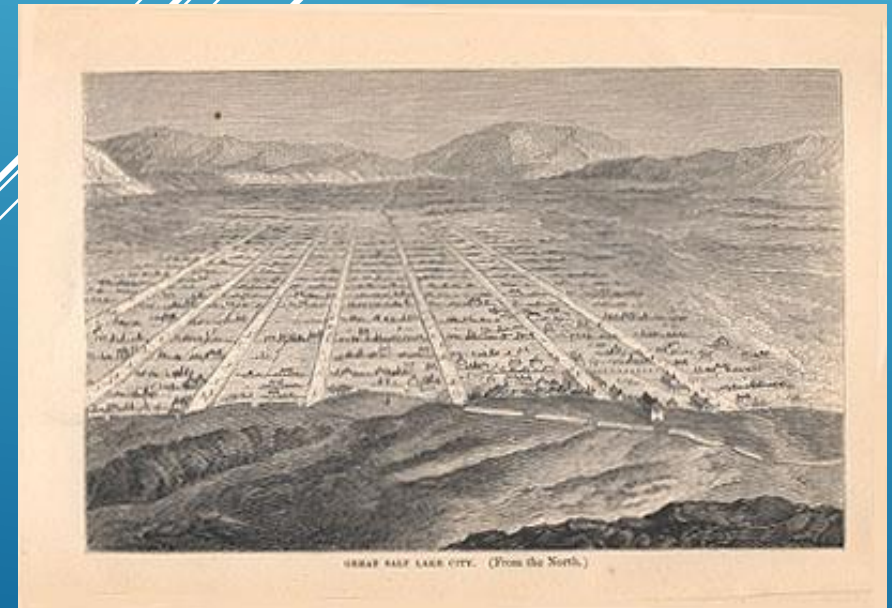
CITY OF THE SAINTS

- ❑ Speke heads back to East Africa
- ❑ Burton heads to the U.S. in April 1860, leaves Isabel a note
- ❑ accompanied by old friend, John Steinhauser, M.D.
- ❑ Halifax, Boston, New York, Washington, DC, U.S. South to New Orleans
- ❑ by August in St. Joseph, Missouri
- ❑ three weeks by stagecoach to Salt Lake City



THE PRAIRIE TRAVELER

- ❑ flannel shirt, buckskin reinforced trousers tucked into leather Wellington boots, broad leather belt, pair of pearl-handled Colt revolvers, long knife, and “good English tweed shooting jacket”
- ❑ to add the name of the new “holy city” to Rome, Mecca, Medina
- ❑ experiencing the “novel” concept in the U.S.
“that all men are equal; that you are no man’s superior, and that no man is yours.”



ON TO CALIFORNIA

- ❑ impressed with Brigham Young
- ❑ as in Africa, argues for the logic of polygamy
- ❑ Carson City, Nevada
- ❑ over the Sierra to Sacramento and San Francisco
- ❑ leaves San Francisco in mid-November
- ❑ Acapulco, Panama, St. Thomas, Southampton (January 1, 1861)



MARRIAGE & CONSULAR CORPS

- 22 January 1861 – marriage

“you must make up your mind to choose between your mother and me”

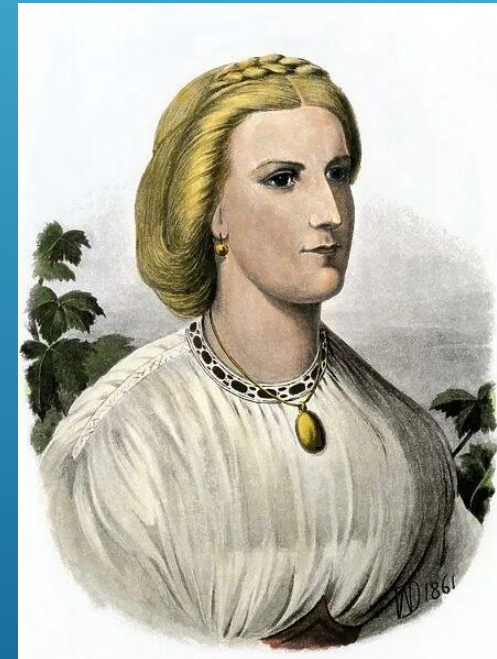
- Isabel’s list to herself: 1. Get Richard a good place; 2. Keep him out of debt; 3. Don’t worry yourself or him; 4. Show affection always;

5. Keep yourself healthy”

- dinner hosted by Prime Minister, Lord Palmerston

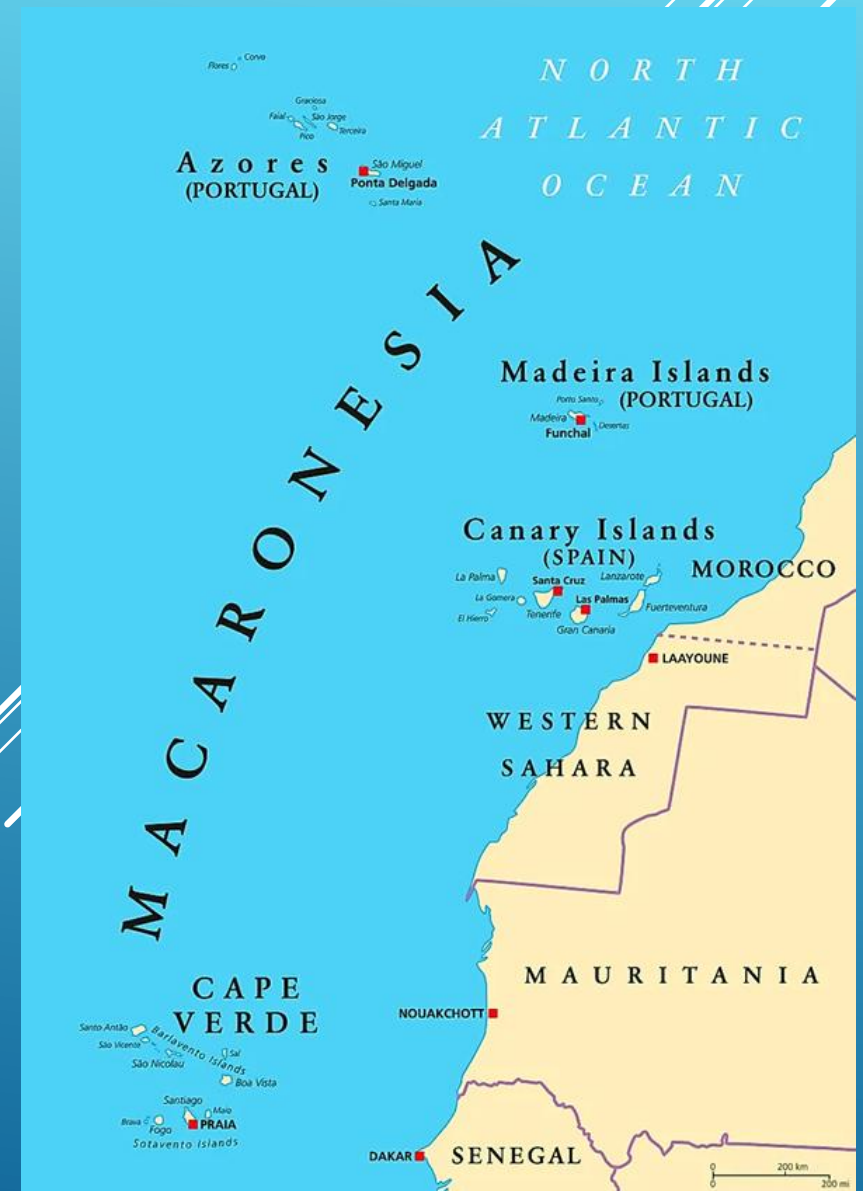
- presented to the Queen by Lady Russell

- Lord John Russell, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs



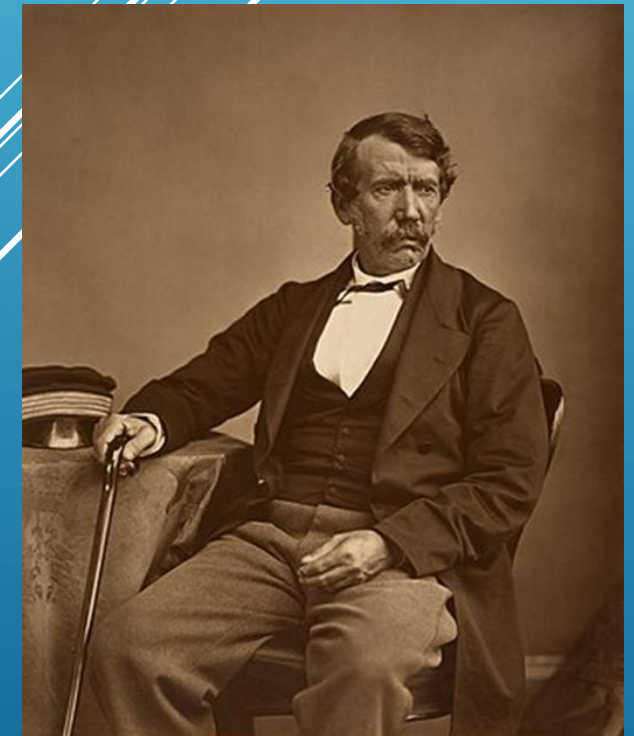
FERNANDO PO

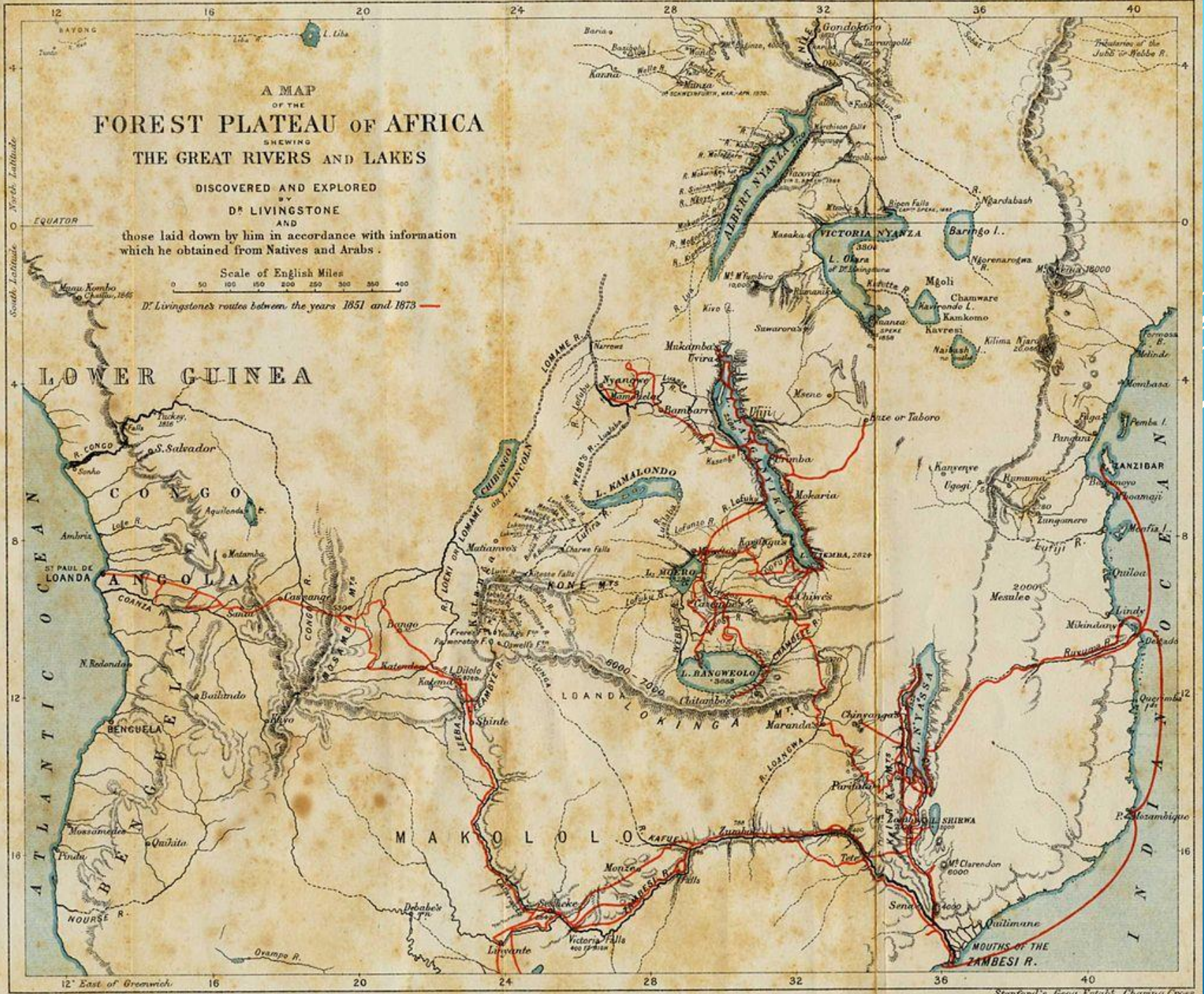
- ❑ appointed consul at Fernando Po
- ❑ loses army pension, promoted to Captain
- ❑ publishes *City of the Saints*
- ❑ seven months together, then to West Africa
- ❑ 1863 – co-founds the Anthropological Society
- ❑ months with Isabel in Madeira and Tenerife
- ❑ *Mission to Gelele, King of Dahome*



THE GREAT DEBATE

- ❑ returns to London seeking another consulate
- ❑ Speke returns triumphant,
but then alienates his patrons
- ❑ David Livingstone (1813-73)
 - Christianity, Commerce, Civilization
- ❑ death in what is now Zambia, burial of heart,
and the trek out with his remains





A MAP
OF THE
FOREST PLATEAU OF AFRICA
SHEWING
THE GREAT RIVERS AND LAKES

DISCOVERED AND EXPLORED
BY
DR LIVINGSTONE
AND

those laid down by him in accordance with information
which he obtained from Natives and Arabs.

Scale of English Miles
0 50 100 150 200 250 300 350 400

Dr Livingstone's routes between the years 1851 and 1873

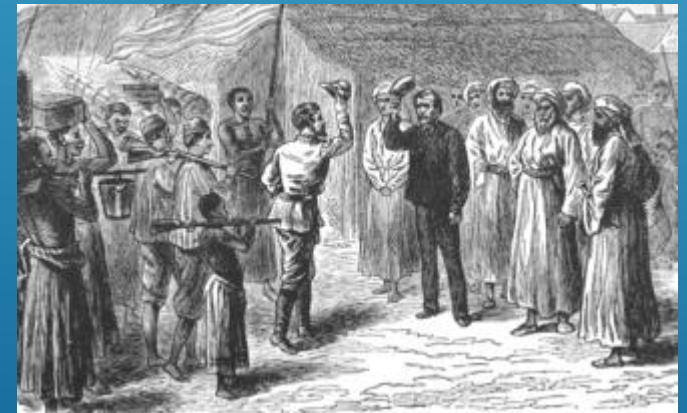
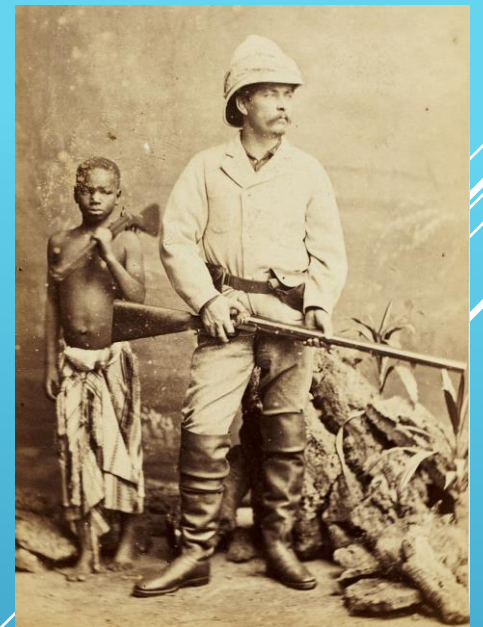
North Latitude
South Latitude

LOWER GUINEA

12° East of Greenwich 16 20 24 28 32 36 40

HENRY MORTON STANLEY

- ❑ 1841 - born John Rowlands (Wales)
- ❑ workhouse for the poor
- ❑ 1859 – New Orleans, supposed adoption by wealthy Henry Hope Stanley
- ❑ fights on Confederate side at Shiloh, captured, changes sides
- ❑ foreign correspondent for *New York Herald*
- ❑ 1871 – “Dr. Livingstone, I presume?”
- ❑ agent of King Leopold in the Congo
- ❑ knighted, died 1904



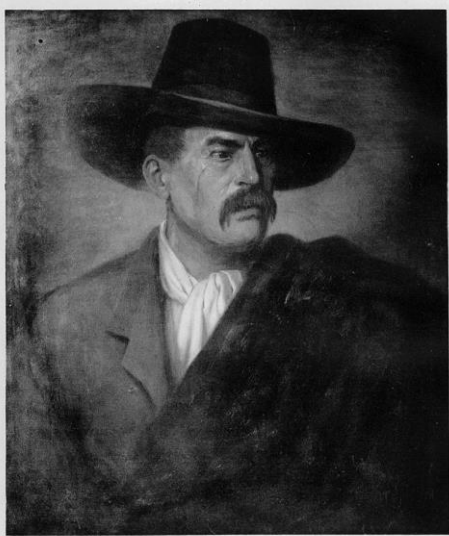
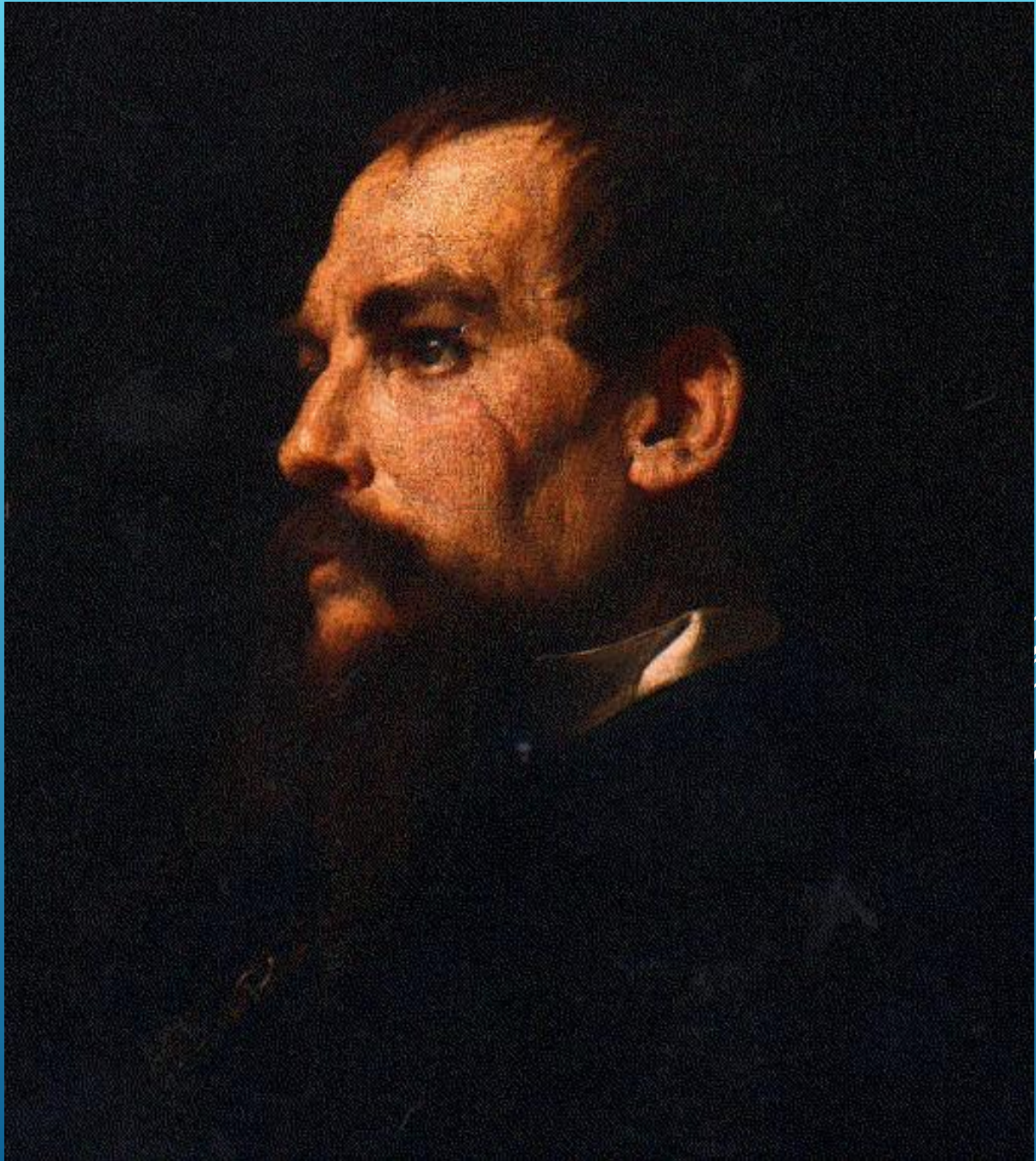
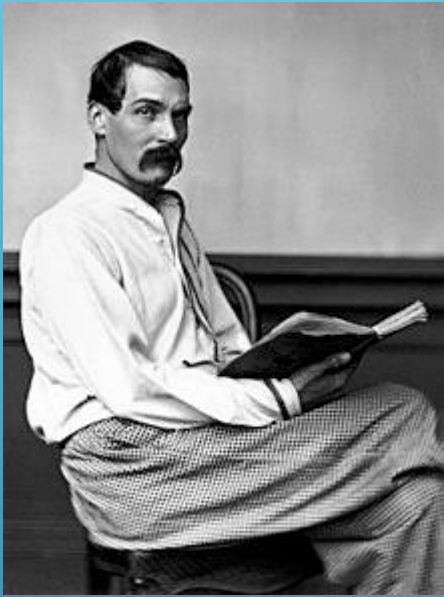
TRAGEDY AT BATH

- ❑ September 1864 – debate at Bath
- ❑ together on stage, Speke leaves early
- ❑ hunting “accident”
- ❑ “The charitable say that he shot himself,
the uncharitable say that I shot him.”
- ❑ no public admission of his mistake about the Nile until 1881

TO BRAZIL

- ❑ four years of marriage, less than twelve months together
- ❑ hobnobbing with the rich and powerful
- ❑ Lord Stanley
- ❑ appointment to Santos, September 1864





SIR RICHARD BURTON IN 1879.
By Madame Gutmanthal de Benvenuti (Trieste).

