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## [Lake Tanganika] Map of the Lukuga Creek by H.M. Stanley

**Stock#:** 43883  
**Map Maker:** Harper & Brothers  
**Date:** 1878  
**Place:** New York  
**Color:** Color  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 4.5 x 4.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Detailed map of the Lukuga River, the only outline of Lake Tanganyika and one of the discoveries made by David Livingstone and Henry Morton Stanley, among others.

Around 1871, David Livingstone noticed the break in the hills through which the "Logumba" passed, and suggested that the river might be an outlet of Lake Tanganyika, and that there could be other outlets further north. Verney Lovett Cameron reached the river at the point where it left the lake in May 1874, on his journey across Africa from east to west. He confirmed that it was the only outlet of Lake Tanganyika, but was unable to get a guide to accompany him down the river to verify that it flowed into the Lualaba.

In 1876, Henry Morton Stanley visited the lake. When he arrived, the lake level was low and he described the Lukuga as no more than a large creek extending westward for a great distance. However, he agreed that as the lake level rose the Lukuga would act as an outlet. It seems that a sandbar had formed across the river mouth, and the river had silted behind the bar.

In 1879, Joseph Thomson came to Kasenge from Pambete, travelling through very rough country. He found that the Lukuga Creek was a large and fast-flowing river. He followed the course of the river for a few days, but hostile inhabitants of the region blocked his further explorations. When Hermann von Wissmann reached the river in 1882, he found that the river had become fast and wide. He also noted that



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the lake level was 16 feet below the highest watermark.

**Detailed Condition:**