

Clover H. Chatham

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Dear Dr.

I awoke on the 2nd telling my wife that I had been dreaming of you, that you had returned to England and that I was relating to your how Moore had killed you and how Young had scratched you up again. She said perhaps I should hear of your loves, and sure enough when I took up the paper, there you were dead again as Julius Caesar and buried! a Cap. Cochrane in command of the "Peterel" on the W. Coast had fished up a story some where on shore and sent it home post haste and into the smith of inquiry the "Times" of course it was popped. My first deed was to go to the station and send a telegram to Miss Livingston to tell her not to believe it, my second, to write to the Times as you see in the slip I enclose. And I believe that the story arose from that now you had with Kawiawa on the River Kasai when you returned from Angola years ago, near Shintia's country, tell me if you think so too. This makes you a greater hero than ever! I think mathematically expressed you are

Livingstone X Columbus + Vasco de
Gama - Cooley. 'in the eyes of
the public and what we are to
do with you if you ever turn up
here I cannot tell. Report says
Faulkner is returning alone from the
Zambesi all the rest dead or done
for. The Portuguese have 1200 troops
there to punish Bonga & Co at Tetete;
report says the climate is punishing them.
A trade seems opening up between Quillemann
and Algoa Bay and Natal. Since I insist
upon it that you have clearly made
Tanganyika and Baker's Lake one
and the same thing, tho' no one who
does not know you as I do I think is
content with your bare assertion in
the letter that came to Kirk that
such is the case. Sir Thos. Mackay
has received some letter or letters from
you written in July 1868 I believe in
which you send him some obser =

ventions about Cazembe's. Sir Bartle
Frere is to be the next President of
the R. Geo society they say, but there seems
plenty of life in Sir Rodrick yet.

Parliament is very busy with Ireland
and Education. Infidelity grows apace
in England now and a tremendous
effort is being made to smother Religi-
ous education out of our national
schools: God forbid this. I heard from
your daughter a few days since.
I dare say she will write to you. I
news of myself have I for you: still
grubbing away down here at Chatham
I am going to Cambridge to speak and
to preach I hope in a week or
two and I shall say what I can for
poor old Africa. If you can show us
1000 miles of navigation in Central
Africa you will do well for its cause. Sir
Samuel Baker pushes on we hear towards
Gondokoro, all well, but people don't believe in
him much here. With all love from us
both to you. Yours dear Dr.
Norval Walter

Dr. - during time