

Letter to Unknown, Date Unknown (No Later than 1873)

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removing all it will
bother me to get up the
coast. If I could believe
as I do not that I
should deliberately be
abandoned I could
easily look after my
own private concerns
as the chief object
before me and let
who might bring down
the Pioneer. I wish
however in all things
to act honorably &
to treat Government
property as if it were
my own.

I hear that ^ Captain Burton
poor fellow has at last

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fallen foul of me in a letter
to the "Times" but am
too much as he would
say "negroid" to affect
surprise. I abandoned
exploration almost
entirely in order to devote
all my energies to opening
up a channel for lawful
commerce with the interior
in order thereby to stop
the slave trade. The discoveries
made were only by the
way, and not the chief
aim of my labours.
Well for my previous

explorations I recieved
a great deal of praise
of which to its full
extent I inwardly never

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felt my self deserving. I
only felt sure that I had
tried to do my duty. Of
that I am still right
certain. and though I
shall not be indifferent
to censure from persons
of ordinary good nature
for failing to establish
what Portuguese slave
hunters have to my
sorrow overturned. I
shall continue to put the
praise over against the
blame. The sweet one
against the bitter - and
and - and "whistle oe'r
the lave o't" our

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much respected medical
ancestor Hippocrates
was sometimes almost
deified yet soundly
asserts that he on
the whole got far
more blame than
praise. I have learned
in some things to copy
the wise old man.

In my other letter
I thought some things in it
might be published
but after calmly reading
it over you will be
a better judge of it.
The names need be
introduced. Not a

syllable from any
of the children have got.