

## 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.