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My Dear Sir

M^r Routledge
and a M^r Pardoe called
here yesterday morning
with the pamphlet,
I refused to look at it -
though they pretended
it was simply that
I might see that nothing
to my prejudice appeared
on the title page

[0002] Routledge gave a broad
hint that he would
give something handsome
to the "Testimonial Fund"
if I would only give
him my countenance
I replied. Satisfy M^r
Murray and you will
thereby satisfy me.

He said I have a
character to lose - to which
I merely said I dont
wish to hurt any ones
character but I have

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abundant evidence that
people generally believe
this narrative is by me
Now I have nothing to do
with. I knew nothing
about it". And left them
I did not ask them upstairs

I saw the drawing
of Lake Ngami by the
poor young man who
died. It is very truthful
and good - the others
were better - the relatives
are on the trail of the
companion who kept
them to himself, as he has
removed from Keynsham
they have knowledge
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of the frame maker who
was employed to mount
about 20 of them - Kolobeng
and another I could
identify. I am afraid
that if any stir is made
Stevenson the companion
will destroy the whole

I have not yet got
Ford's address but
have got a bad cold
instead

Yours &c

David Livingstone