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WILKES BOOTH AGAIN

"It will be remembered that some time since a story was going the rounds of the press that John Wilkes Booth had been seen alive in the East Indies and that a Capt. Tolbert won a bet of a large sum of money by demonstrating this fact. Little credence was given to the rumor, but it seems it was not destined to perish from neglect. The Louisville Journal now publishes a letter from Bombay, India, purporting to have been written by Prof. Frazer to Hon. Stephen Maxwell, at Havana, in which it is set forth that J. Wilkes Booth has again been seen, and that Captain Tolbert has won another wager of ten thousand dollars on it. The details of the story are briefly as follows: Capt. Tolbert is commander of a privateer which has piratically captured several merchant men in the South Pacific and Indian Oceans. A short time since he entered the harbor of Bombay with his "Bird of the Ocean" and created no little excitement, but the ship's papers were subjected to a rigid examination, and no flaw could be found in them. While there he was questioned by a number of English captains in relation to the former story respecting Wilkes Booth, and he averred that the same was true. The wager above mentioned grew out of the conversation, and to decide it Captain Tolbert took Captain Hunt on a cruise of several weeks, during which he showed him, under oath of secrecy, J. Wilkes Booth, alive. Such is the story by which it is expected to cast a halo of mystery around the fate of this distinguished person. It is doubtful whether many can be found credulous enough to place any confidence in this bold and ingenious hoax."