

This is the latest story about the assassin Booth's present existence. Mr. James E. Campbell writes to the New York Times that while in Calcutta, British East India, he heard two gentlemen talking on the subject, when one said to the other that any one who sympathized with the conspirators deserved, to meet the fate of Booth. The other replied:

The fate of Booth! I will lay a wager of five hundred pounds sterling that John Wilkes Booth, who assassinated President Lincoln, is alive and in good health at the present time, and agree to furnish proof of it within six months.

The bet was accepted and the money posted. Curiosity prompted Mr. Campbell to inquire the name of the party whose strange offer had been so readily accepted, and was informed he was no other than the late notorious rebel pirate, Lieutenant William Martin Tolbert, of Shenandoah notoriety, formerly of Troy, Ohio, but more recently of New York, and who is at present master of the ship Ocean Bird. And that is the end of the mystery for the present.

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