

Whether, supposing he did say so, - the
terrible stand he spoke of ~~might~~ was his
own invention - or whether he might have
picked up one which happened to be made
by Berthon & copied from him. -

Whatever Lord L. may or may not have
said, it is clear that poor O. has been
shamefully done out of the credit due to
him - & you are I am sure the man to wish
to see him righted. The medal is gone - but
his credit need not go too. -

No time for more now. Our united
best love to my good wife -

Yours affectionately. ("Fig bear" - can
you make out that?*)
De Profundis
Dyde

(It is no mystery - a fair puzzle.)

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My dearest Arthur

I have been long waiting in the hope of
hearing something from you or of you or about
you - and often have we been thinking of you
& of your many adventures. But whether
you may have yet reached Old England or not, I
know not - or if so, what may be your present
"whereabouts" - So I have adopted the plan of
enclosing this to your dear Mother - & hope it
may find you returned - and not too much hur-
ried by attend to its contents - namely -

I this morning rec^d. a letter (first for a long
time) from dear old Berthon - complaining - &
as it seems to me very justly - of the wrong done
to him at the Paris Exhibition, where Horn
& Thornthwaite showed a very fine Reflector of
his construction, which was greatly admired &
said they have carried off the medal - It was
made after Berthon's drawings & done by his own
man handed over to them - but they never even