

Ollifant & Castile?

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m.driussi — 18 Nov 1998, 23:51

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But alas! So often is the case.

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Peter Westlake — 19 Nov 1998, 13:50 · follows m.driussi

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Alex David Groce — 19 Nov 1998, 09:40 · follows Peter Westlake

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And, to further boost the theory, we know Wolfe has been in England (one of the letters reprinted in CASTLE OF DAYS), and hated the roads--so, if he'd been in London (and if you go to England and don't see London something is odd), he'd have certainly used the tube as much as possible. Anyway, the "Infanta of Castile"->"Elephant and Castle" transition would be a very Wolfe-ish thing. Now, we need to scour the BOTNS & BOTLS (in case he used it as a parallel) for any connections between compasses and goats--after all, "God Encompasseth Us" would be a reasonable encoded message for either work. :)

Maybe on his bee farm the old autarch also kept goats? Connect that in some way to "The Map" (which clearly implies a compass) and you have it!

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free." - John 8:32

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