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NOTE.

It is not as seeking to issue this book under the ægis of Meredith's approval that his letter appears here. Such approval as it contains refers not to the present work but to an essay published some years ago on the same subject. Meredith's letter is given because it reveals his opinions not on my work but on his own. It may fail to convince certain folks that "The Shaving of Shagpat" is an Allegory—but it cannot fail to convince them that Meredith at least intended it to be so.

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May 21 - 1906

BOX HILL.

DORKING.

Dear Sir,

You have
done as much as could
be done with the advertisement
book. An Allegory is
hateful to the English,
& I gave it clothing to
conceal its frame. But
neither that nor the

signification overruled.
Very few even of my
friends have cared to
read the book, & of
those I can count
but two who have
said the word in
favor of it. I regret
to think that although

you may be indemnified
for the cost of pollution
your labour will be
increased.

Yours truly
George M. Smith
