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My dear Mr. Lomas:--

I sent you a card about a week ago, reporting progress in the collating of Isaac's letters. I have heard both from Messrs Putnam and through them from Mr. Thuermer regarding the matter. As I began my correspondence with you I prefer dealing with you direct. but me begin by saying that I have, or expect to have in a few days, access to the 18 Letters to Coleridge & 40 to Manning sold in the Daley Sale. These are nos.

26. 30. 31. 32. 46. 47. 49. 50. 52. 53.

56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 67. 68.

69. 72. 74. 75. 79. 83. 84. 87. 89. 91. 94. 96.

98. 100. 101. 102. 103. 105. 111. 114. 130.

133. 135. 145. 158. 175. 181 in original old

edition of the "letters" published by
 Macmillan & Co, Besides these I have
 three letters in my own possession,
 notably # 186 to J. Taylor (of Taylor
 & Hoey), dated July 30th 1821, a
 striking letter with some slight
 variations from the published version.
 I have access to the Ms. transferring
 copyright of Tales from Shakespeare
 "Mrs. Lincaster's School" to Baldwin,
 Evadne K. Joy, from Godwin
 The Ms. of John Woodvil (originally
 called "Prædes") partly in
 Mary's handwriting, and containing a
 letter to Manning & Ginnings "Mind this
 goes for a letter, a knowledge it directly,
 if only in two words"
 Besides these I have access to about
 thirty additional letters varying in

length from a notelet to a four page
 folio letter.

Of course I would not consider such
 as sum, as ^{\$}100.00 as adequate pay
 for the trouble and nuisance of calling
 and transcribing these were it not
 that some of them were carefully
 collected by me when passing
 through my hands. Now if Messrs
 Methuen & Co agree to this sum I
 will go ahead as quickly as
 possible. Please let them understand
 I am not "kissed" to undertake this
 but willing to because of my
 great interest in the subject.

Now I have another proposition for them
 to consider. I am willing to copy and
 sell for an additional \$400. all
the published letters in this country
that I can secure permission from
their owners to use. Numbering I should say
 some 15 or 20
 If this I will write more fully, than
 I have collated all the published
 ones - but surely it will add
 greatly to the value of your edition
 to be able to announce some
 unpublished letters. If Messrs
 The three agree to the first
 proposition please let me know at
 once - and these transcriptions
 need not wait for the others -
 Trusting you are well. I am, with all
 good wishes,
 Yours very truly
 Ernest Drexler North