

Nov. 1st 1855  
Messrs Dix & Edwards  
Gentlemen

I find ~~on~~ my  
return that in a day or two I am  
to be left entirely alone for a week  
& more, consequently I could not  
furnish the paper on Shakespeare's  
Tools in less than three weeks.

The paper on Dramatic Costume  
would refer to stage dresses, & would  
be historical, & (chiefly) philosophical  
as to the value of external costume  
in Dramatic art, which, contrary to  
the presumption of the authors of Play  
Bills is, nothing.

Your Obedt. Serv<sup>t</sup>

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"I could not furnish the paper on Shakespeare's Fools in less than three weeks. The paper on dramatic costume would relate to stage dresses and would be historical and (chiefly) philosophical as to the value of external costume in dramatic art which, contrary to the presumption of authors of Play Bills, is unknown."