

Packet Carrier
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My dear Sir, I sent you 5 Copies of No 2 by the
Atlantic, addressed to A & S Richards. — The publica-
tion of the 3^d number is announced for the 10 Sept^r. —
I hope the next arrival will bring us intelligence
from you, as well as a fourth No. —

The success of y^r work realizes all that I have
written to you on the subject; it has been in every
respect just such as you could have wished, and
greater than I believe you permitted yourself
to anticipate. — I hear of nothing but praises
from every quarter — The sale increases daily,
notwithstanding the misery of the times which I feared
might impede the immediate circulation of the
work. — 1700 Copies of the first number have
been sold to the Bookellers, and are now actually
in the hands of the public — The 2^d No. which was
published only a week since, promises a more
rapid sale than the first number. — If we
were possessed of a sufficient stock of paper (similar
to that used) I believe we might venture upon
printing 4000 Copies of No 3 — but upon the whole,
it will be better to wait for No 4 (which I trust
will not be long) and then augment the 2^d edition.

By that time we shall be enabled to get enough paper, and in all probability receive orders from the different Cities, authorising the stop. — You can hardly conceive the number of trifling impediments that have arisen and been overcome, in printing & publishing a work in the manner yours has been done. — The Bookfellers did not wish the prompt terms that were exacted; fortunately, it has now become their interest to comply with them. — They depart with sullenness from their old mode of bartering Books & selling them at very long credits. — Matters are now smoothly arranged with the Gentlemen, and unless ~~any~~ ^{some} ~~of~~ ^{the} ~~circumstances~~ ^{are} ~~are~~ ^{circumstances} are circumvented, each Number (2000 Copies) will net you 500 £ at the end of 90 days from the time of publication. — I hope therefore that you have had no scruples of conscience in drawing upon me (at least) to this extent. —

Mr Thomas visited me lately — he is perfectly satisfied with the mode of publication we have adopted, and ~~from~~ ^{he} ~~frankly~~ ^{frankly} acknowledged that he could not have rendered the work in the manner, nor to the extent that we have done. —

Proser is a perfect Iohmaelike among the Craft — he has continued to make them all his enemies, which I regret, for he is about as good as the best

of them. — In speculating upon the causes that retard our literary progress, we sadly overlook the neediness & faithlessness of our Bookfellers — obstacles ^{in themselves} sufficient to discourage an author from any literary enterprise that aims at any other reward than fame. — I am satisfied your work had it been confided to their hands would have yielded you ~~nothing~~ ^{scarcely any} gratification other than this meagre diet. —

I hope my letters will encourage you to proceed in your work with spirit; — you really have every motive to cheer and animate your progress. — After you have completed your work to the extent that you have proscribed — I take it for granted you will fulfil your promise, by returning to New York — So earnestly do I wish your happiness, that I am willing to forego my own, by yielding to the motives assigned for prolonging your absence until that period — but not a day beyond it. —

It is scarcely possible to point out subjects for your consideration — Thus far you have chosen fortunately — and if you have gone to the Continent as you proposed, many subjects of

Curious interest will present themselves to your
mind. - Have you published your work in England.
You are better qualified to decide, how far
such a step would be expedient. - I am unable
to foresee any serious objection - the subjects you
have written upon, possess general interest -
as to Copy right in Engl^d & America, I believe
it was obtained in the ~~case~~ of Marshall's life
of Washington. - Paulding & his wife are here
we passed yesterday with them at Wrentham -
He does not seem ^{fully} aware of the failure of his Salma-
gundi. - He says that he waited a long while
for your return & co-operation in the work - I
am very sorry he did not wait longer, so that
his work might have been delayed a week have
been produced. - I told him as delicately as I could
that the subjects of his satire were not tangible
to the public - that it would have been better to have
begun a new work. - He assented, and observed
that Miss Thomas had prevailed ~~upon~~ with him to
refuse, rather than start a fresh. - He proposes to
write about a dozen numbers, and from the matters
which he has in hand, I am inclined to hope he will
do better than he has done. - He mentioned the odd
coincidence of your appearing before the public at the
same time without any previous concert. -