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Newstead Abbey. Jan^y 25th. 1832.

My dear Remick,

 I am sadly afraid the interests of your
new work are likely to suffer through the
unpardonable conduct of Wm Murray. About six
weeks since I sent him the first portion of
proof sheets received from you, requesting him at
the same time to let me know the terms on
which he proposed to reprint the work. I
left town shortly after, on a tour, and ~~have~~
~~was~~ a long time elapsing without a reply I
requested a friend in London to call on him
on the subject, and at the same time write

to the son, whom I have found much more a
man of business than his father. From the son
I have just received a reply, in which he says,
"all business & especially that of bookselling is
suffering such stagnation at this moment, that my
father has been compelled to decline almost every
new undertaking which has been proposed to him.
- The Sheets of Prof Renwick's book were retained
in the hopes that things might improve & that he
might be able to put it forth with some prospect of
success - he is however up to this time able to perceive
no prospect of improvement & has in consequence been
forced to abandon his intention regarding Prof
Renwick's work, the sheets of which were returned
on Friday last to Mr Capron. though where
a part of them had been forwarded."

I can only say that Murray's conduct in respect to your
work is of a piece with that respecting some writings
of my own in preparation for the press, which has retarded
all my plans, and compelled me to look elsewhere
for a publisher - He never was a good man of
business, and of late seems to have become completely
irregular. I shall endeavor, on my return
to town, which will be almost immediately, to make
some other arrangement about your work, though I
much fear the time lost by Mr Murray's non-
fulfilment of his engagement, will defeat all chance
of profit.

Give my kindest remembrances to your mother
your wife and all your family each and
believe me, my dear Renwick,

Ever most truly yours
Washington Irving

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Prof James Renwick
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My dear

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