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New York June 14. 1879

Dr. Sir



I have rec^d. your letters of the
10th & 11th inst. - The paper by Mr. Irving
is received; the remainder, I trust,
will arrive here by Thursday at the
latest: - The work will be ready
for publication, in this case by
Saturday or Sunday next. -

I shall not fail to observe
your direction in regard to its
publication in N.Y. & Philadelphia
at the same time. - Your 500 Copies
will be forwarded by the Mercantile line.

Mr. Irving had sent express
instructions respecting the ~~of~~ covers -
had it been otherwise I should willingly
have forwarded your Copies in sheets. -

The

edition consists of 2000 ~~copies~~ copies — I have
the quarter & reliance upon a ready sale
of the work — at all events you will be
fully enabled to judge of its popularity
by the sale of the first & number. —

Should it be such as to encourage
you to offer a liberal price for the
rest of the succeeding numbers, I presume
Mr. E. Irving would cheerfully write with
me in accepting your proposition. —

I know it is wasting time Irving's
earnest wish, that you should be the
publisher of his writings, and certainly
I can have no motive whatever in
opposing his friendly disposition towards you.

In the present case, you know that
we have asked only in obedience to his
directions, and that our sole object is
(if possible) to secure to him the immediate
advantages resulting from the publication

of his works. — You are fully aware of his
present situation & intentions — that it is
determination to maintain his independ-
ency the labor of his pen, and that he
possesses no other resource whatever. —

Mr Thomas
June 14, 1849
Rogers

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