

My dear Brother,

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Your invitation to Brumby to the Chestnut came quite unexpected, and has quite perplexed me. I am expecting every day and I may say every hour, a copy of the first number of my work from America - and it is important I ~~should~~ should be here at the time to see if any arrangement can be made here for republishing it - as I am thankful some Bookseller in the American trade may get hold of it, & think it worth republication; and so run out an edition of it without my ~~consent~~ adapting it for the London public - or participating in the profits. Had I my choice I would rather it should not be republished here until more numbers appear & enough could be given at once to stamp its character. I am also busy just now preparing more mss. to send out. It is therefore peculiarly

the article arrive between this & Tuesday so that I can
see it & speak with a bookbinder, I may have to come
down for a few days, but I very much doubt it. If I am
not then you must get some one to stand for father for me.

I do not wish even to mention the name for my not coming
down: for though these small concerns are very important to
a man in my situation - they may appear very trivial
to others.

I long to see you all once more and to have a peep at
my new babe who I understand is a miracle.

Give my love to Sally and the young folks -

Your affectionate M^r

SHR
WJ

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