

Sunday

25/3/88

11.30

Mr E. Lucas presents his compliments to

Mr G. C. Layton & hopes you are quite well.

He successfully resisted the temptation this morning & remains at home Beckless.

Proble, there may be, in the land of Hammark, but he is not there to share it.

No, why should he crucify his limbs on a deal seat when at home there is always an Armchair to fall back upon!

I take this opportunity - then of writing to you. Since last we met I have finished Kenelm - a sad book!

This is a beautiful character - I must compare to being disappointed in the last time

where in he promises to court parliamentary honour. His hitherto vagabond life is just to my mind.

You may now send for vols 1 & 2 of

Richard Feverel. Vol 3 will not be at

Liberty till Thursday - It is so

clever it is tantalizing. Do you understand?

Accompanying this are two old - well

books of this appearance I call 'Clean

Offspring', from a saying - "Great Hopes

have Clean Offspring." This Brown Calf

might give Suckling's Poems or an

Early Herrick - usually only divinity.

(To go on with the Temple Book stall idea of my last Aaron's works would be in half (GOLDEN) Calf -)

These I found last night in the Lane
& thinking you'd be interested that way
i.e. Parish's old Village Law - I for-
mally present them - But don't scruple
to chuck them away if not acceptable -
Notice the length of the clause relating
to Bastards.

Thursday afternoon I entered Olympia -
o witnessed from thence *Emeralda* Act 1.
Sonne - modelled right on to *Jessie* - is a
good dancer - tolerably funny.

The biggest hit (all this Act 1 only),
was made by *Stone* as a drunken
soldier - very rich - In 80 minutes
the curtain rang down & I sat

o dinnerless returned to (North St).
There is no opportunity of testing your patience
for escape //

At 10-15 this morning during breakfast
I said to Alfred "The Governor will
be here before dinner". At 10.30
he actually did walk in! "O my
prophetic soul! My father!" He is just
from America, Japan, China, India
Riviera & Victoria. Tom Lane tells
me that when the cat's away the mice
will play - The mice have had a good
time & will have in future to be wary
how they get themselves shot how they climb
the fiddle ladder as the cat doesn't like that.