

1513 RACE STREET
PHILADELPHIA

October 24th, 1923.

Mr. Ernest Dressel North,
4 East 39th Street,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. North:-

Answering yours of the 19th instant, I am glad to know that you have in hand the exhibition to mark the 100th anniversary of the publication of the "Essays of Elia".

After going over my material, I suggest for your consideration that I lend you the presentation copy of the first edition of essays which Charles Lamb sent to John Howard Payne. This has always appealed to me as one of the most interesting Lamb items I have.

In manuscripts, I submit for your consideration letter from Lamb to Talfour, which has more of Lamb's humor, tenderness and deep affection than I have ever seen on the same area of paper. His playfulness shows in the erratum which he puts at the top of the letter: "Erratum, for Moxon & Knowles read Knowles & Moxon, Booksellers after Authors".

Also the most pathetic letter in English of which I have any knowledge. This is Lamb's letter to Colridge advising Colridge of Mary's killing her mother while insane. I enclose you copy of the letter. // //

And the manuscript of Pride's Cure. This manuscript is in Mary's writing, edited and altered and added to by Charles. In the margins he has entered some severe criticisms against his own work.

I enclose you herewith reproduction of a letter which Lamb has written upon the inside of the front paste board cover of the manuscript to Manning concerning the manuscript.

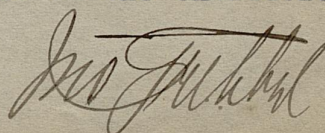
Please return this to me when you have quite finished with it.

Bearing in mind the great amount of Lamb material which will be at your service from other collectors, I have restricted my offerings.

Wishing you abundant success in the exhibition,

I am,

Very truly yours,



Enc. JC/MFB