

37 Fitzroy Sq^m W.

April 5 - 73

My dear Shields,

You will be glad to know that Brookerbank called here the other day & commissioned me for the "Cromwell on his farm" for 400 g^s. - at least I said 400 g^s, but in his letter just received he puts it pounds whether by accident or intention remains to be seen, however

We must not quarrel over
this matter, so I have
written to say that if he is
gentle of opinion that I said
Pounds I must accept his
impression as correct - but
do not mention in to him
Should you see him -

Have you been talking to
him since your return & so
crastened his return here?
in such case how much?
Now to thank you! I ought
to have written before to thank
you for the trouble you had

given yourself as put forth
in your last to me bin of
lets I get so lazy in the
matter of letters & put off
batches of them as long as I
dare. I trust you are
getting on all right with
your pictures for this season's
Exhibition & that they will
do you good from your manner
I augur good things from
them - I see they have
elected Tadeuma to your
society, this at least is a
step in the right direction

Lucy & Cathy both sent in
works to the Academy with
what result we must await
to see - Cathy painted a water
color on purpose & Lucy
worked all over her "Sir Thomas
more's Daughter" - Mr. Stillman
sent in two - I have still a
very bad cold & a touch of
rheumatism coming on. Mr
Brown has been ill again all
last week & not out of his
room yet. The north-east. wind
is hearty. All from kindest
regards yours as ever
F. Madox B

P.S. The "Convalescent" case seem safe

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