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My dear Cushing,

Yesterday was Bank Holiday, and the Press closed down for a week. But I looked in, and found your letter. Let me again congratulate you on the great and well-deserved success of the book. I think the complaint that it is 'a monstrous excrescence' has always been made by people who have not even ^{read} tried to ~~do~~ it.

On our side there is no cause for dissatisfaction, though it is yet too early to shout. The Branch cabled a few days ago for its sixth thousand, and though we have a fair stock in hand we are taking no chances - we have made paper for a third impression, and shall print as soon as is necessary. I don't advise a large edition in one volume - India paper is not popular with the great public (except for Bibles) and the two-volume edition has done so well that it would I am sure be a mistake to change.

Don't scold Clulow for the failure to get corrections into the

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second edition - I was in charge. I watched the situation in New York from day to day, and cabled for paper to be made, and we went to press within a few days of my return to Oxford. There was hardly time to ask for corrections, and no time to make them. We had to make the printers jump about. (The illustrations caused a certain delay, but I don't think we lost any sales.)

I am not unhappy about Canada. ~~Mr~~ Mr. Gundy is a shrewd fellow and knows the general market well; and in this affair he is in alliance with McAinsh, who has been in the medical business many years and knows that market from A to Zee. (sic.)

I couldn't discuss matters with Johnson yesterday, but I have asked him to deal with the points about the India-paper copies (they were bound much later than the rest, which may account for your not having had one) and the revision copy. Why not have your sheets bound in four (or more) interleaved volumes?

I hope this takes all your points. I shouldn't worry about errata (of course we will correct them if we print a third edition). After all, the errata so far discovered are quite insignificant in view of the multitude of names and facts contained in the book.

My wife joins me in thanks for kind messages. She buys no antiques - for reasons. But I am taking her to Cornwall on Monday. By the way, when I get back I must tell Mr McIntosh to send you a check. (sic!)

Yours sincerely,

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